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2025 SEASON PREVIEW

By Lee Pace

In advance of the 2025 football season, excitement in Chapel Hill is high, as eight-time Super Bowl Champion Bill Belichick takes the field in Kenan Stadium this fall for his first game as a college football coach.

Every ticket (season and single game) for 2025 has been sold and the Tar Heels reached that landmark in late July, the earliest sellout in program history. ESPN plans to televise several of the Tar Heels' games and will produce a live show from the field at Kenan Stadium before the Sept. 1 season opener against TCU. And university officials have an ambitious plan to ramp up tailgating and social experiences on game day around the stadium and campus.

Carolina has 70 new players, a mix of freshmen and transfers. There is almost a completely new coaching and strength and conditioning staff, with only Freddie Kitchens, the tight ends coach last year and now the offensive coordinator, and Natrone Means, an offensive analyst last year and now the running backs coach, as holdovers from the 2024 staff.

It's made for eight months of lively conversation in 2025 as Belichick has installed a new regime in Chapel Hill.

ACC Network play-by-play announcer Wes Durham mentioned in an interview with Jordan Shipp, a sophomore receiver for the Tar Heels.

"Jordan talked about it wasn't as much the practice field as it was the meeting room where you really can feel the Bill Belichick impact," Durham said. "He addresses details, a level of detail that Jordan said he never got at any level of coaching. That's the part that has resonated with the players the most."

Belichick has morphed seamlessly from 50 years coaching in the NFL to the college environment. He's enjoyed being a part of the Carolina athletic family and getting to know coaches and players in other sports and attending various competitions. He's been pleasantly surprised at getting to spend more time around his players than he could in the NFL.

And he's been challenged by the process of joining longtime associate Michael Lombardi, now the Tar Heels' general manager, in creating an infrastructure that melds the best of professional football with the new landscape of the college game with NIL, revenue sharing and the transfer portal.

"It's been an exciting time," Belichick says of the lead-up to the season. "Now we want to match that excitement and put it on the field. I very much look forward to getting on the field and seeing it all come together.

"We have a long way to go. We've got a lot of new players, so we'll see what happens when we get out there and start. I'm excited to see them play. They've worked hard and they're in good condition. And I think they're excited and they're ready to go. So, we'll see where it takes us."

As Belichick has learned the nuances of recruiting 17-year-old high school players and traveled the state meeting with Rams Club donors, the coach with the most impact on the team so far has been Moses Cabrera, the head strength and conditioning coach. Cabrera worked more than a decade under Belichick with the New England Patriots and won three Super Bowls with the team.

The Tar Heels endured a winter condition regimen under Cabrera they said was noticeably more challenging than years past. The official count was 450 pounds of muscle added and 125 of fat lost.

"I'm the best condition I've ever been in my life," said Gio Lopez, a quarterback transfer from South Alabama, at ACC Kickoff. "Back at South, we ran a good bit, but coming here, I remember the first time they introduced us to how we run. I was like, 'Wow, this is a little different for me.'"

"We run like a cross-country team," added Thaddeus Dixon, a cornerback transfer from Washington. "Coach Moses is one of the best at what he does. He's been one of the best strength and conditioning coaches in the league. As soon

SCHEDULE

September 1	TCU	Chapel Hill, N.C. Kenan Stadium	8 p.m. ESPN
September 6	at Charlotte	Charlotte, N.C. Jerry Richardson Stadium	7 p.m. ESPN+
September 13	Richmond	Chapel Hill, N.C. Kenan Stadium	3:30 p.m. ACC Network
September 20	at UCF	Orlando, Fla. Acrisure Bounce House	TBA
October 4	Clemson	Chapel Hill, N.C. Kenan Stadium	TBA
October 17	at California	Berkeley, Calif. California Memorial Stadium	10:30 p.m. ESPN
October 25	Virginia	Chapel Hill, N.C. Kenan Stadium	TBA
October 31	at Syracuse	Syracuse, N.Y. JMA Wireless Dome	7:30 p.m. ESPN
November 8	Stanford	Chapel Hill, N.C. Kenan Stadium	TBA
November 15	at Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C. Allegacy Federal Credit Union Stadium	TBA
November 22	Duke	Chapel Hill, N.C. Kenan Stadium	TBA
November 29	at NC State	Raleigh, N.C. Carter-Finley Stadium	TBA
December 6	ACC Championship Game	Charlotte, N.C. Bank of America Stadium	8 p.m. ABC

WILL HARDY

as he stepped on a college campus, he's definitely one of the best strength and conditioning coaches in college."

Carolina hopes that Belichick's acumen for putting strong defenses on the field wherever he's coached will transfer to Chapel Hill after a run of seasons when the Tar Heels have struggled to get off the field.

Dixon will be part of that equation, traveling across country to follow Steve Belichick, the new Tar Heel defensive coordinator. Dixon was part of [Steve] Belichick's defense last year at the University of Washington.

"You can expect a tough, smart, dependable team, a team that communicates a lot, a team that's well put together, well driven, a team with a chip on their shoulder," Dixon said. "Honestly, everybody's got something to prove. Everybody is trying to get somewhere. That's what you can expect out of us."

Will Hardy is a senior safety and one of the leaders on the team. He played in all 13 games in 2024, recording 34 tackles (17 solo), two deflected passes, one interception, forced fumble, fumble recovery and tackle for loss.

"I'm excited for the new change, the new spark, the energy that this season bring to the team, the players that stayed but also just to the whole fanbase and community of Chapel Hill," Hardy said. "I think everyone's looking forward to it. I'm no different. I know all the players on the team are excited. When we got the news that Coach Belichick was going to be our new coach, we were all pumped for it. Shocked at first, but ready to get to work. That's exactly what we've been doing."

So, the stage is set: a coach who's won eight Super Bowls moving to a university that has invested to the highest degree possible in support, facilities, scholarships and NIL resources.

Former Tar Heel defensive lineman Tim Goad summed it up watching spring practice one March afternoon. Goad played at Carolina in the mid-1980s and then a decade in the NFL, including one under Belichick at Cleveland in 1995.

"If this university wants to compete at the highest levels in football, they've got the right coach in place now," Goad said. "We definitely have the right coach. As far as any coach I've played for, as far as Xs-and-Os go, game planning, he's the best one."

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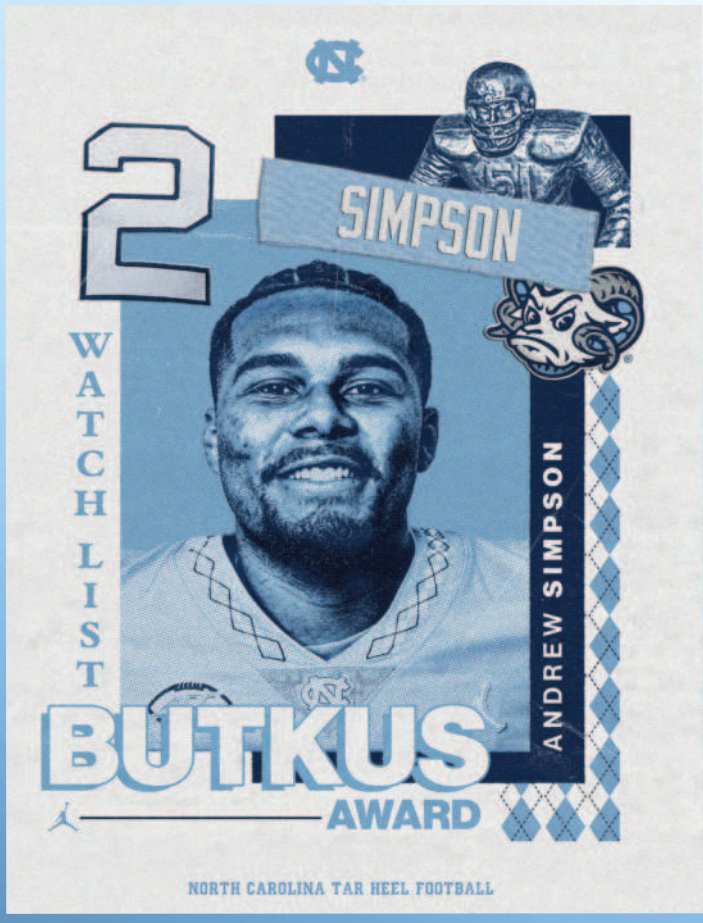
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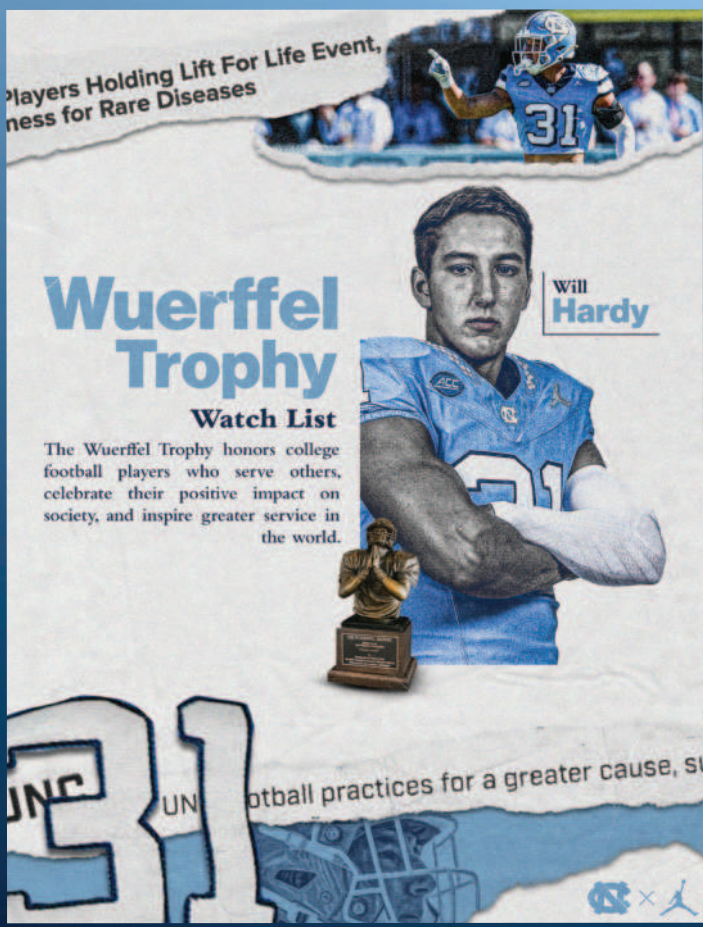
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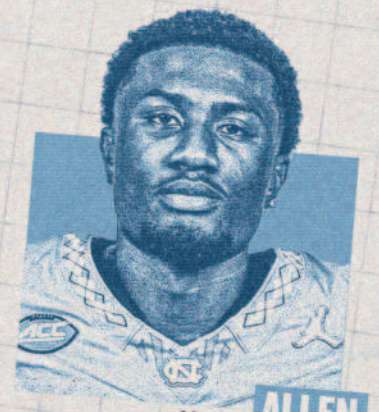
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2025 NORTH CAROLINA ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL(S)
0	Alex Taylor	WR	6-2	190	r-Fr.	Greensboro, N.C./Grimsley
0	Ty White	DB	5-10	185	So.	Buford, Ga./Buford
1	Thaddeus Dixon	DB	6-1	185	r-Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif./Washington
1	Jordan Shipp	WR	6-2	190	So.	Charlotte, N.C./Providence Day
2	Bryce Baker	QB	6-3	205	Fr.	Kernersville, N.C./East Forsyth
2	Andrew Simpson	LB	6-0	220	r-Sr.	Walter Ave, Calif./St John Bosco (Boise State)
3	Chris Culliver	WR	6-2	195	Jr.	Maiden, N.C./Maiden
3	Malcolm Ziglar	DB	6-3	195	So.	Fuquay-Varina, N.C./Fuquay-Varina
4	Mikai Gbayor	LB	6-2	230	Gr.	Irvington, N.J./Irvington (Missouri)
4	Caleb Hood	RB	6-0	220	r-Sr.	Rockingham, N.C./Richmond Senior
5	Gavin Gibson	DB	6-0	185	r-Sr.	Hickory, N.C./Hough
5	Jason Robinson Jr.	WR	5-10	150	r-Fr.	Long Beach, Calif./Washington
6	D'Antre Robinson	DL	6-4	315	r-Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Jones (Florida)
6	Dayton Sneed	WR	6-0	196	r-So.	Hermitage, Tenn./Donelson Christian (Tennessee)
7	Khmori House	LB	6-0	215	r-So.	Pasadena, Calif./Washington
7	Gio Lopez	QB	6-0	203	r-So.	Madison, Ala./James Clemens (South Alabama)
8	Kobe Paysour	WR	6-1	190	r-Sr.	Kings Mountain, N.C./Kings Mountain
8	Smith Vilbert	DL	6-6	282	r-Sr.	Montvale, N.J./St. Joseph Regional (Penn State)
9	Melkart Abou-Jaoude	DL	6-5	260	r-Jr.	Newton, N.J./Delaware
9	Javarius Green	WR	5-10	195	r-Fr.	Shelby, N.C./Crest
10	Au'Tori Newkirk	QB	6-3	200	Fr.	Norfolk, Va./Maury
10	Pryce Yates	DL	6-4	265	r-Sr.	San Antonio, Texas/Reagan
11	Ty Adams	DB	5-11	180	r-So.	Swainsboro, Ga./Swainsboro
11	Paul Billups II	WR	6-2	195	r-So.	Chesapeake, Va./Western Branch
12	Demon June	RB	5-11	215	Fr.	Jacksonville, N.C./Jacksonville
12	Greg Smith	LB	6-4	195	r-Fr.	Riverview, Fla./Sumner (Florida)
14	Max Johnson	QB	6-5	225	r-Sr.	Athens, Ga./Texas A&M
15	DJ Mazzone	QB	6-0	175	So.	Atlanta, Ga./IMG Academy
15	Tre Miller	DB	5-10	180	r-So.	Birmingham, Ala./Deer Creek (Okla.)
15	Nathan Leacock	WR	6-3	217	r-So.	Rolesville, N.C./Millbrook (Tennessee)
16	Coleman Bryson	DB	6-2	210	r-Jr.	Waynesville, N.C./Minnesota
17	Peyton Waters	DB	6-1	185	So.	Northridge, Calif./Washington
17	Adrian Wilson	WR	6-1	170	Fr.	Anchorage, Alaska/Weiss (TX) (Colorado)
18	Connor Cox	TE	6-6	250	r-So.	Jacksonville, Fla./South Carolina
18	Andres Miyares Jr.	QB	6-1	210	r-Fr.	Miami, Fla./Belen Jesuit
18	Jaiden Patterson	DB	6-1	195	So.	Dacula, Ga./Mill Creek
19	Jake Johnson	TE	6-6	240	r-Jr.	Athens, Ga./Texas A&M
19	Reggie Love II	DB	5-8	175	r-So.	Raleigh, N.C./Rolesville
20	Jaylon Nichols	RB	6-0	185	Fr.	Monroe, La./Neville
20	Jalon Thompson	DB	5-11	185	So.	Orlando, Fla./Olympia
21	Kaleb Cost	DB	5-11	195	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Sandy Creek
21	Davion Gause	RB	5-11	215	So.	Opa-locka, Fla./Chaminade-Madonna
23	Khristian Dunbar-Hawkins	DB	5-11	185	r-Fr.	Tustin, Calif./Tustin (UCLA)
23	Charleston French	RB	5-9	205	r-So.	Amory, Miss./Itawamba CC
24	Javion Butts	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Gray, Ga./Jones County
25	Joseph Mupoyi	DL	6-5	261	r-Fr.	Kinshasa, DR of the Congo/St. Thomas More (Penn State)
26	Khalil Conley	DB	5-11	185	r-Fr.	Asheville, N.C./Christ School
26	Jo Jo Troupe	RB	5-8	200	Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Berkeley Prep
27	Jaylen McGill	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	Spartanburg, S.C./Mount View Prep
27	Graham Reintjes	DB	6-1	185	Fr.	Austin, Texas/Regents School
28	Benjamin Hall	RB	5-11	235	r-So.	Kennesaw, Ga./North Cobb (Michigan)
28	Chinedu Onyeagoro	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif./King
29	Marcus Allen	DB	6-2	190	Sr.	Marietta, Ga./Walton
30	Evan Bennett	LB	6-2	230	r-Fr.	Eatonton, Ga./Gatewood School

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.
9	Melkart Abou-Jaoude	DL
11	Ty Adams	DB
41	Jonathan Agumadu	LB
47	Austin Alexander	DL
29	Marcus Allen	DB
93	Devin Ancrum	DL
32	Jermaine Anderson	DB
95	Daniel Anderson	LB
2	Bryce Baker	QB
68	Aidan Banfield	OL
97	Guytano Bartolomeo	K
89	Paul Barton	TE
44	Jake Bauer	LB
30	Evan Bennett	LB
11	Paul Billups II	WR
58	Austin Blaske	OL
77	Trey Blue	OL
71	William Boone	OL
16	Coleman Bryson	DB
72	Eidan Buchanan	OL
57	Bo Burkes	OL
48	Gannon Burt	LS
24	Javion Butts	DB
85	Shanard Clower	WR
26	Khalil Conley	DB
21	Kaleb Cost	DB
18	Connor Cox	TE
3	Chris Culliver	WR
1	Thaddeus Dixon	DB
23	Khristian Dunbar-Hawkins	DB
84	Shamar Easter	TE
23	Charleston French	RB
21	Davion Gause	RB
4	Mikai Gbayor	LB
5	Gavin Gibson	DB
87	Trey Giddens	DL
9	Javarius Green	WR
78	Trevyon Green	OL
28	Benjamin Hall	RB
66	Jordan Hall	OL
87	Cort Halsey	TE
31	Will Hardy	DB
54	Timir Hickman-Collins	LB
4	Caleb Hood	RB
93	Jacob Horvath	P
7	Khmori House	LB
33	Tyler Houser	LB
91	Leroy Jackson	DL
14	Max Johnson	QB
19	Jake Johnson	TE
81	Aziah Johnson	WR
94	Isaiah Johnson	DL
12	Demon June	RB
53	Christo Kelly	OL

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31	Will Hardy	DB	6-2	205	Gr.	Lawrenceville, Ga./Greater Atlanta Christian
32	Jermaine Anderson	DB	6-2	195	Fr.	Fredricksburg, Va./Calvert Hall
33	Tyler Houser	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Sparta, N.J./Pope John XXIII
33	Henry Martello	FB	6-4	250	Fr.	Culver, Ind./Culver
40	Tyler Thompson	LB	6-4	225	r-So.	Cary, N.C./Panther Creek
41	Jonathan Agumadu	LB	6-2	220	r-Fr.	Dallas, Texas/McKinney (Oklahoma State)
42	Spencer Triplett	LS	6-1	240	r-Sr.	Shelby, N.C./Shelby
43	Lantz Pascal	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
44	Jake Bauer	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	West Chester, Pa./Malvern Prep
47	Austin Alexander	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	Burlington, Ky./Cooper
48	Gannon Burt	LS	6-1	205	r-So.	Fort Mill, S.C./Fort Mill (Florida)
51	Peter Pesansky	DL	6-2	290	r-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Jesuit
52	Daniel King	OL	6-5	340	r-Sr.	Cairo, Ga./Troy
53	Christo Kelly	OL	6-4	305	r-Sr.	Wilmette, Ill./Holy Cross
54	Timir Hickman-Collins	LB	6-2	215	r-Fr.	Fort Mill, S.C./Indian Land
54	Miles McVay	OL	6-6	350	r-So.	East Saint Louis, Ill./Alabama
55	Jakai Moore	OL	6-6	318	Gr.	Nokesville, Va./Patriot (South Carolina)
56	Jani Norwood	OL	6-4	290	r-Fr.	Ramsuer, N.C./Eastern Randolph
57	Bo Burkes	OL	6-2	305	r-Jr.	Centreville, Ala./Bibb County
58	Austin Blaske	OL	6-5	310	r-Sr.	Effingham County, Ga./Georgia
66	Jordan Hall	OL	6-8	336	Gr.	Columbus, Ohio/KIPP Columbus (UAB)
68	Aidan Banfield	OL	6-3	300	So.	Buford, Ga./Mill Creek
69	Chad Lindberg	OL	6-6	315	r-Sr.	League City, Texas/Rice
70	Byron Nelson	OL	6-3	300	Fr.	Katy, Texas/Katy
71	William Boone	OL	6-6	340	r-Jr.	Conyers, Ga./Prairie View A&M
72	Eidan Buchanan	OL	6-9	330	Fr.	Montgomery Village, Md./Watkins Mill
73	Will O'Steen	OL	6-3	230	r-Sr.	Anniston, Ala./White Plains (Jacksonville State)
77	Trey Blue	OL	6-6	330	Fr.	Cary, N.C./Cary
78	Trevyon Green	OL	6-7.5	340	r-Jr.	Prince George, Va./Life Christian Academy
80	Jordan Owens	TE	6-6	255	Sr.	McGehee, Ark./McGehee (Oklahoma State)
81	Aziah Johnson	WR	6-0	175	r-So.	Richmond, Va./Thomas Jefferson
88	Yasir Smith	TE	6-5	265	Fr.	Summerville, S.C./Summerville
83	Kenedy Uzoma	WR	6-5	210	Fr.	Beltsville, Md./High Point
84	Shamar Easter	TE	6-5	215	r-Fr.	Ashdown, Ark./Ashdown (Arkansas)
84	Laderion Williams	DL	6-4	310	Fr.	Hiram, Ga./Douglas County
85	Shanard Clower	WR	5-9	165	Fr.	Lakeland, Fla./Lakeland
86	Kamarion Thomas	DL	6-3	280	Fr.	Saint Albans, N.Y./Erasmus Hall
86	Madrid Tucker	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	Lehigh Acres, Fla./Fort Myers
87	Trey Giddens	DL	6-3	275	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Green Run
87	Cort Halsey	TE	6-3	230	r-So.	Atherton, Calif./Menlo School
88	Deems May	TE	6-2	230	r-Jr.	Charlotte, N.C./Myers Park
89	Emmanuel Nwaiwu	DL	6-4	250	Fr.	St. Laurent, Quebec/Vanier College
89	Paul Barton	TE	6-4	210	Gr.	Palo Alto, Calif./Sacred Heart Prep
90	Xavier Lewis	DL	6-0	250	Fr.	Raleigh, N.C./Leesville Road
90	Rece Verhoff	K	5-11	190	Gr.	Columbus Grove, Ohio/Columbus Grove (Marshall)
91	Leroy Jackson	DL	6-1	290	r-Fr.	Leesburg, Ga./Lee County
92	CJ Mims	DL	6-2	300	Jr.	Vanceboro, N.C./West Craven
93	Devin Ancrum	DL	6-2	295	Fr.	Buford, Ga./Mill Creek
93	Jacob Horvath	P	6-1	190	Jr.	Melbourne, Australia/Mckinnon Secondary (Eastern Illinois)
94	Isaiah Johnson	DL	6-2	275	r-Jr.	Chandler, Ariz./Chandler (Arizona)
95	Daniel Anderson	LB	6-1	245	r-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn./Germantown
96	Nicco Maggio	DL	6-1	290	Fr.	Buford, Ga./Buford
96	Tom Maginness	P	6-0	210	Sr.	Melbourne, Australia/Monash University
97	Guytano Bartolomeo	K	5-10	170	Fr.	Old Tappan, N.J./Bergen Catholic

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52	Daniel King	OL
15	Nathan Leacock	WR
90	Xavier Lewis	DL
69	Chad Lindberg	OL
7	Gio Lopez	QB
19	Reggie Love II	DB
96	Nicco Maggio	DL
96	Tom Maginness	P
33	Henry Martello	FB
88	Deems May	TE
15	DJ Mazzone	QB
27	Jaylen McGill	RB
54	Miles McVay	OL
15	Tre Miller	DB
92	CJ Mims	DL
18	Andres Miyares Jr.	QB
55	Jakai Moore	OL
25	Joseph Mupoyi	DL
70	Byron Nelson	OL
10	Au'Tori Newkirk	QB
20	Jaylon Nichols	RB
56	Jani Norwood	OL
89	Emmanuel Nwaiwu	DL
73	Will O'Steen	OL
28	Chinedu Onyeagoro	LB
80	Jordan Owens	TE
43	Lantz Pascal	LB
18	Jaiden Patterson	DB
8	Kobe Paysour	WR
51	Peter Pesansky	DL
27	Graham Reintjes	DB
5	Jason Robinson Jr.	WR
6	D'Antre Robinson	DL
1	Jordan Shipp	WR
2	Andrew Simpson	LB
12	Greg Smith	LB
88	Yasir Smith	TE
6	Dayton Sneed	WR
0	Alex Taylor	WR
86	Kamarion Thomas	DL
20	Jalon Thompson	DB
40	Tyler Thompson	LB
42	Spencer Triplett	LS
26	Jo Jo Troupe	RB
86	Madrid Tucker	WR
83	Kenedy Uzoma	WR
90	Rece Verhoff	K
8	Smith Vilbert	DL
17	Peyton Waters	DB
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10	Pryce Yates	DL
3	Malcolm Ziglar	DB

MEET THE TAR HEELS

MELKART ABOU-JAOUDE
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Dallas, Texas

AUSTIN ALEXANDER
DL | 6-3 | 240 | Fr.
Burlington, Ky.

MARCUS ALLEN
DB | 6-2 | 190 | Sr.
Marietta, Ga.

DEVIN ANCRUM
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Buford, Ga.

DANIEL ANDERSON
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Memphis, Tenn.

JERMAINE ANDERSON
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Fredricksburg, Va.

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Buford, Ga.

GUYTANO BARTOLOMEO
K | 5-10 | 170 | Fr.
Old Tappan, N.J.

PAUL BARTON
TE | 6-4 | 210 | Gr.
Palo Alto, Calif.

JAKE BAUER
LB | 6-1 | 225 | Fr.
West Chester, Pa.

EVAN BENNETT
LB | 6-2 | 230 | r-Fr.
Eatonton, Ga.

PAUL BILLUPS II
WR | 6-2 | 195 | r-So.
Chesapeake, Va.

AUSTIN BLASKE
OL | 6-5 | 310 | r-Sr.
Effingham County, Ga.

TREY BLUE
OL | 6-6 | 330 | Fr.
Cary, N.C.

WILLIAM BOONE
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Waynesville, N.C.

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BO BURKES
OL | 6-2 | 305 | r-Jr.
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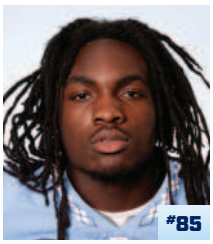

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TYLER HOUSER
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JAKE JOHNSON
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MAX JOHNSON
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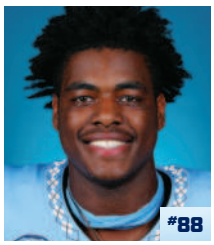

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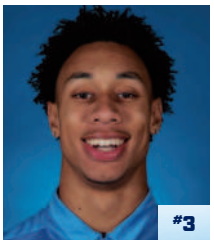

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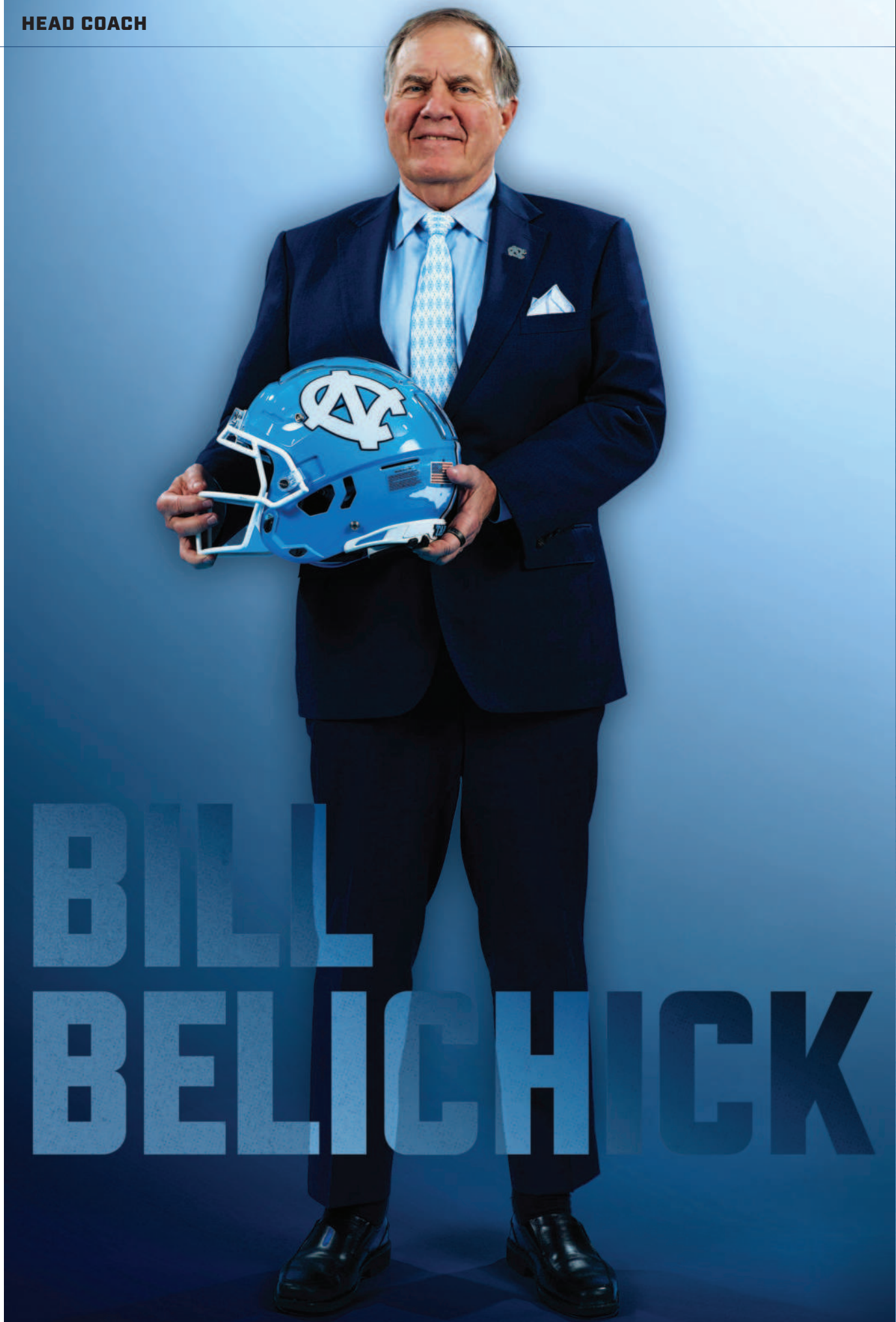

BILL BELICHICK

HEAD COACH BILL BELICHICK

Eight-time Super Bowl champion Bill Belichick, architect of one of the greatest sports dynasties of all time and renowned as one of the top leaders to ever coach the game, was named the University of North Carolina's new head football coach on December 11, 2024.

Belichick, the second-winningest coach in NFL history, agreed to a five-year deal.

"This is an exciting day for Carolina football and our university," said Chancellor Lee H. Roberts. "Carolina is committed to excellence and to creating an opportunity to succeed in everything we do, from the classroom to the field of competition. I know after speaking with Coach Belichick that he shares that commitment. His legacy speaks for itself, and we look forward to working together on the next chapter of Carolina football."

Said Carolina Director of Athletics Bubba Cunningham: "We know that college athletics is changing, and those changes require new and innovative thinking. Bill Belichick is a football legend, and hiring him to lead our program represents a new approach that will ensure Carolina football can evolve, compete and win — today and in the future. At Carolina, we believe in providing championship opportunities and the best experience possible for our student-athletes, and Coach Belichick shares that commitment. We are excited to welcome him to Chapel Hill."

Belichick, who holds the NFL record for most Super Bowl wins (six with the New England Patriots as head coach and two more with the New York Giants as a coordinator), said: "I am excited for the opportunity at UNC. I grew up around college football with my dad and treasured those times. I have always wanted to coach in college and now I look forward to building the football program in Chapel Hill."

THE BELICHICK FILE

PERSONAL

Birthdate: April 16, 1952

Hometown: Nashville, Tenn.

Children: Amanda, Stephen, Brian

EDUCATION

College: Wesleyan '75

YEAR-BY-YEAR COACHING HISTORY

1975: Baltimore Colts (Special Assistant)

1976: Detroit Lions (Assistant Special Teams Coach)

1977: Detroit Lions (Wide Receivers/Tight Ends Coach)

1978: Denver Broncos (Assistant Special Teams Coach/Defensive Assistant)

1979: New York Giants (Special Teams Coach/Defensive Assistant)

1980-1984: New York Giants (Special Teams/Linebackers Coach)

1985-1990: New York Giants (Defensive Coordinator)

1991-1995: Cleveland Browns (Head Coach)

1996: New England Patriots (Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Backs Coach)

1997-1999: New York Jets (Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator)

2000-2023: New England Patriots (Head Coach)

2025-Present: North Carolina (Head Coach)

HEAD COACH BILL BELICHICK

A three-time AP NFL Coach of the Year (2003, 2007, 2010), Belichick has an all-time NFL head coaching record of 333-178 (.652) and is only 14 NFL wins away from the overall wins record. He is a member of the NFL's All-Decade Team for the 2000s and the 2010s, and he also was a member of the NFL's 100th Anniversary All-Time Team and holds the record for most NFL Playoff victories (31).

Belichick began his coaching career in 1975 as an assistant for the Baltimore Colts and became the defensive coordinator of the New York Giants in 1985, where he won two Super Bowls under Bill Parcells. He was named head coach of the Cleveland Browns in 1991 and was at the helm for five seasons. He also coached with the New England Patriots and New York Jets before becoming the head coach of the Patriots in 2000.

In 24 seasons, New England won 17 AFC East titles, made 13 AFC Championship appearances, and nine Super Bowl appearances.

Belichick also has ties to North Carolina.

His father, Steve, was an assistant football coach for the Tar Heels from 1953-55 before going on to become assistant football coach for more than three decades at the United States Naval Academy. There, Bill Belichick attended team meetings and film sessions with his father. He knew how to diagram complex plays before he became a teenager and credits his dad for teaching him the details of football at a young age.

He graduated in 1975 from Wesleyan University, where he played football and lacrosse. He has three children: Amanda, Stephen and Brian.

AS A HEAD COACH:

- Six-time Super Bowl Champion
- Three-time Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year
- NFL 2000's All-Decade Team
- NFL 2010's All-Decade Team
- NFL 100th Anniversary All-Time Team
- New England Patriots All-2000's Team
- New England Patriots All-2010's Team
- New England Patriots 50th Anniversary Team
- New England Patriots All-Dynasty Team

AS AN ASSISTANT COACH:

- Two-time Super Bowl Champion

AS AN EXECUTIVE:

- PFWA Executive of the Year (2021)

NFL RECORDS

- Most Super Bowl wins: 8
- Most Super Bowl wins as a head coach: 6
- Most Super Bowl appearances: 12
- Most Super Bowl appearances as a head coach: 9
- Most playoff wins as a head coach: 31
- Most playoff appearances as a head coach: 19 (tied)
- Most divisional championships as a head coach: 17

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FREDDIE KITCHENS

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ TIGHT ENDS
3rd Season | Alabama, 1998

Freddie Kitchens begins his first season as North Carolina's offensive coordinator and tight ends coach under head coach Bill Belichick. Kitchens previously served on Mack Brown's staff at UNC and was Carolina's interim head coach at the Fenway Bowl after the 2024 season.

Kitchens joined the Carolina football program in February of 2023 as run game coordinator and tight ends coach. He came to Chapel Hill after spending one season as a senior football analyst at South Carolina following a 16-year run in the NFL that included a stint as the Cleveland Browns head coach and a trip to the Super Bowl with the Arizona Cardinals.

Kitchens began his coaching career in the college ranks, working as the running backs and tight ends coach at Glenville State (W.Va.) in 1999, before joining LSU as a graduate assistant in 2000 under Nick Saban. He also logged collegiate stints at North Texas as a running backs coach (2001-03) and at Mississippi State as a tight ends (2004) and running backs (2005) coach.

While at North Texas, Kitchens guided running back Patrick Cobbs to one of the Mean Green's most impressive seasons. Cobbs led the nation in rushing yards per game (152.7 ypg) and scoring (11.5 ppg) in 2003, while setting three UNT single-season rushing records and the Sun Belt single-season rushing mark. During the 2004 season at Mississippi St., Kitchens mentored redshirt freshman Eric Butler to SEC All-Freshman honors.

Kitchens attended the University of Alabama, where he played quarterback for the Crimson Tide. He and his wife, Ginger, have two daughters, Bennett and Camden.

WILL FRIEND

OFFENSIVE LINE COACH
1st Season | Alabama, 1998

Will Friend enters his first season as Carolina's offensive line coach during the 2025 campaign.

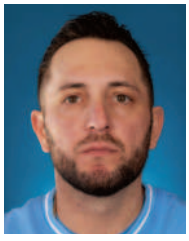
Friend arrives in Chapel Hill after serving in the same role at Western Kentucky in 2024. Prior to WKU, Friend served as the Offensive Line Coach at Mississippi State in 2023, and he's also worked in the same role at Auburn from 2021-22 and at Tennessee from 2018-20. He was the Offensive Coordinator/ Offensive Line Coach at Colorado State from 2015-17 and the Offensive Line Coach at Georgia from 2011-14.

Overall, Friend has coached nine offensive linemen who have been selected in the NFL Draft.

Friend is a 1998 graduate of the University of Alabama who earned his bachelor's degree in human performance. He started at guard for the Crimson Tide in all four seasons and was a two-time All-SEC selection. He is a member of Alabama's Team of the Decade for the 1990s. He was a Parade Magazine All-America selection as a senior at Neshoba Central High in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Friend and his wife, Carrie, have three children: Katie, Brooks and Charlie.

MATT LOMBARDI



QUARTERBACKS COACH
1st Season | Delaware, 2013

A former NFL assistant coach, Matt Lombardi joined the Tar Heel football staff as quarterbacks coach in February 2025.

He came to Carolina after spending the 2024 season as an offensive analyst at the University of Oregon. While at Oregon, Lombardi helped develop Heisman Trophy finalist Dillon Gabriel and assisted the Ducks' run to the top seed in the College Football Playoff.

Prior to his time with the Ducks, Lombardi worked as an assistant wide receivers coach with the Las Vegas Raiders and an assistant quarterbacks coach of the Carolina Panthers with an additional stint on the offensive staff of the Miami Dolphins. Lombardi also boasts further college coaching history at Baylor (offensive quality control coach) and Louisville (offensive graduate assistant).

GARRICK McGEE

WIDE RECEIVERS COACH
1st Season | Oklahoma, 1996

An experienced offensive mind, Garrick McGee begins first season at Carolina as the Wide Receivers Coach. McGee arrives in Chapel Hill after his second stint on the staff at Louisville, serving as the Cardinals' wide receivers coach the last two seasons.

McGee served as the head coach at UAB for two seasons prior to his first stint at Louisville. He was hired at UAB after four seasons at Arkansas, including two as the offensive coordinator. McGee helped Arkansas to final rankings of No. 12 in 2010 and No. 5 in 2011 during his two years as offensive coordinator for the Razorbacks. Arkansas led the SEC in total offense and ranked No. 29 nationally in 2011 at 438.1 yards per game, while scoring 40+ points on six occasions.

McGee attended Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa and played for his father, the late Larry McGee. He played at Arizona State in 1991 and 1992 and went to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in 1993 before transferring to Oklahoma.

McGee earned a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma in 1996, where he played two seasons and ended his career fourth on OU's career passing yards list (2,449 yards). He was voted the Big Eight Newcomer of the Year by the league's coaches in 1994.

McGee has two sons, Cameron and Grant.

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NATRONE MEANS

RUNNING BACKS COACH
5th Season | North Carolina, 1992

Natrone Means, a Tar Heel legend, 20-year coaching veteran and fifth-year member of the Carolina coaching staff, begins his first season as running backs coach under head coach Bill Belichick.

Means had a stellar career in the NFL, where he enjoyed a seven-year career that included a trip to Super Bowl XXIX. He became the youngest player (22 years old) to score a touchdown in the Super Bowl. He was drafted by the Chargers in the second round (41st overall) of the 1993 NFL Draft.

For his career, he totaled 5,215 yards and 45 touchdowns. In the 1994 season, Means rushed for 1,350 yards and 12 touchdowns and earned All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors. In 2009, he was honored as a member of the San Diego Chargers' 50th Anniversary Team and was a finalist in 2012 to be inducted into the San Diego Chargers Hall of Fame.

Prior to playing in the NFL, Means attended North Carolina, where he enjoyed a great collegiate career. He was a two-time first team All-ACC selection and finished his career with 3,074 rushing yards and 34 touchdowns on 605 attempts. He also had 61 receptions for 500 yards as well.

Means is married to Shonda Means. They have four children.

STEVE BELICHICK

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ LINEBACKERS
1st Season | Rutgers, 2011

Steve Belichick enters year one as the Tar Heels' defensive coordinator during the 2025 season.

Belichick arrives in Chapel Hill after spending the 2024 campaign in the same role at the University of Washington.

Belichick was the Patriots' defensive play caller for the last four years (2020-23), while also coaching linebackers (2022-23) and outside linebackers (2020-21). He previously worked with New England's defensive backs (2019) and safeties (2016-18) after having worked four years (2012-15) as a defensive assistant.

During his time on the Patriots staff, Belichick was a part of five Super Bowls, with three victories in 2015, 2017 and 2019.

Belichick was a four-year letterman on the Rutgers men's lacrosse team (2008-11) before joining the football program in the fall of 2011. Belichick earned his degree in criminal justice.

BOB DIACO

DEFENSIVE LINE COACH
1st Season | Iowa, 1995

Bob Diaco, the winner of the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach in 2012, joined the Carolina staff in the spring of 2025 as the Defensive Line Coach for the Tar Heels.

Diaco arrives in Chapel Hill after spending the last two seasons at LSU.

He began his coaching career in 1996 as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, the University of Iowa. He then served on the staffs at Western Illinois (1999-2000) as the special teams coordinator and running backs coach, Eastern Michigan (2001-2003) working with the same positions and Central Michigan (2005) as the co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.

Diaco was a two-time All-Big Ten selection at Iowa as a linebacker under Hall of Fame coach Hayden Fry and was named the team's co-MVP in 1995, while also starting in all 23 games over his junior and senior seasons.

BRIAN BELICHICK

DEFENSIVE BACKS/ SAFETIES COACH
1st Season | Trinity, 2016

Brian Belichick joined the Tar Heel defensive staff as defensive backs/safeties coach in 2025.

He came to Carolina following a nine-year stint with the New England Patriots. He began with the Patriots in 2016 as a scouting assistant, then transitioned to being a coaching assistant before taking over as safeties coach from 2020-23. The youngest son of Bill Belichick, he won a pair of Super Bowl titles during his run in New England and played football and lacrosse at Trinity College.

Belichick's grandfather, Steve, was an assistant football coach for the Tar Heels from 1953-55 before going on to become assistant football coach for more than three decades at the United States Naval Academy. Belichick was a four-year lacrosse letterman at Rutgers before lettering as a senior on the football team at long snapper.

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ARMOND HAWKINS

CORNERBACKS COACH
1st Season | Idaho, 2017

Armond Hawkins, a former recruiting analyst and secondary coach at the University of Washington, joined the Tar Heels as cornerbacks coach in 2025.

While at Washington, he worked under former Huskies and new UNC defensive coordinator Steve Belichick on a staff that helped UW climb from No. 99 nationally in total defense in 2023 to No. 26 in 2024.

Hawkins' coaching career also includes stints at Arizona (2023) and Colorado (2022). He also was the director of high school relations at Southern California from 2020-22.

JAMIE COLLINS

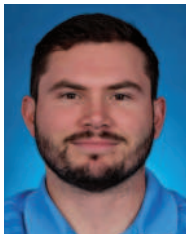
INSIDE LINEBACKERS COACH
1st Season | Southern Miss, 2012

Former All-Pro NFL linebacker Jamie Collins began his time at UNC as inside linebackers coach in 2025.

He joined the Carolina staff after a standout playing career with New England, Cleveland and Detroit. While with the Patriots, Collins played for head coach Bill Belichick and won a Super Bowl. He earned second-team All-Pro honors in 2015 after leading the league in caused fumbles.

In his 11-year professional career, Collins totaled 708 tackles, 26.5 sacks, 39 pass breakups, 12 interceptions, 19 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries and two touchdowns before retiring in 2023.

TY NICHOLS



OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS COACH
1st Season | Texas Tech, 2020

Ty Nichols came to Carolina in 2025, joining Bill Belichick's first-year staff as the outside linebackers coach.

He joined the UNC staff after two seasons as a defensive graduate assistant and analyst at the University of Arizona, where he worked in particular with the Wildcats' defensive line and linebackers.

Prior to coaching at Arizona, Nichols spent three years on the football staff at Texas Tech and coached at the prep level in Idalou, Texas.

MIKE PRIEFER

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR
1st Season | Navy, 1994

Longtime college and NFL assistant Mike Priefer joined Bill Belichick's Tar Heel staff as special teams coordinator in 2025.

Priefer comes to North Carolina after more than two decades of professional coaching experience. Most recently, he completed a four-year stint in 2022 as special teams coordinator with the Cleveland Browns. He worked as an assistant special teams coordinator with the Jacksonville Jaguars (2002), New York Giants (2003-05) and special teams coordinator in and Kansas City Chiefs (2006-08), Denver Broncos (2009-10) and Minnesota Vikings (2011-18). While with the Vikings, he earned recognition as the 2011 NFL Special Teams Coach of the Year in a league-wide vote.

Priefer also has worked as a college assistant at Northern Illinois (2000-01), VMI (1999), Youngstown State (1997-98) and Navy (1994-96). His father, Chuck Priefer, was an NFL coach and special teams coordinator.

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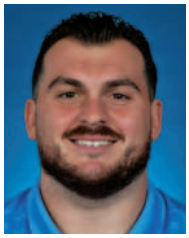
COREY GAYNOR



OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT
1st Season | North Carolina, 2023

Corey Gaynor joined the North Carolina football staff as an offensive assistant following a standout collegiate playing career. A two-time Honorable Mention All-ACC selection (2022, 2023), Gaynor started all 26 games at Carolina, anchoring an offensive line that consistently ranked among the nation's best, and was a team captain in both years. In 2023, he helped anchor an offense that ranked seventh nationally in total yards and blocked for the ACC's leading rusher, Omarion Hampton.

Before Carolina, Gaynor spent five seasons at Miami, where he made 38 starts at center and guard. He was a multi-year team captain and earned ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors in 2020. Gaynor appeared in 66 career games, starting 64, and was known for his durability, leadership, and elite pass protection.

A native of Parkland, Florida, Gaynor starred at Stoneman Douglas High School, where he earned first-team all-state and all-county honors, while tallying 97 pancake blocks as a senior.

MANNY MILES

OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT
3rd Season | North Carolina, 2018

Manny Miles joined the Carolina football staff as an offensive quality control coach in March of 2023 before transitioning to a graduate assistant role prior to the season. Miles came to Chapel Hill after spending three seasons as a graduate assistant coach at Arkansas State, working on the offensive side of the ball.

A-State's offense finished the 2021 season ranked 11th in the nation in passing offense (313.9 ypg) and averaged nearly 400 yards total offense per game to rank fourth in the Sun Belt Conference. The Red Wolves put up over 500 yards in a game four times, including 680 against Memphis for the fourth-most in school history.

Miles went to A-State after spending the 2019 season as a quarterback for the Kansas Jayhawks. A graduate transfer to Kansas, Miles saw action in five games, completing 9-of-17 passes for 114 yards and a touchdown.

A Baton Rouge, Louisiana, native, Miles went to Kansas after four seasons at North Carolina. He finished his career with the Tar Heels completing 3-of-5 passes for 55 yards and a touchdown.

BILLY MILLER

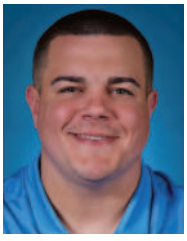
SPECIAL TEAMS ASSISTANT
1st Season | Delaware Valley, 2006

The former head coach at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, for the last three years, Miller joined the Tar Heel staff as a special teams assistant in 2025.

Miller spent 10 years overall coaching at IMG. Prior to his decade in Bradenton, Miller served as a special teams coach for five months with the New England Patriots under Bill Belichick.

Miller previously worked with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, tutoring kickers, punters and long snappers before joining the Patriots. An all-conference kicker at Delaware Valley University, he graduated as the school's career scoring leader. He also spent three seasons on Greg Schiano's staff at Rutgers University prior to his NFL stint in Tampa. He began his coaching career at Haddon Heights (N.J.) High School.

CALEB PICKRELL



OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT
4th Season | Stillman, 2014

Caleb Pickrell begins his first season as an Offensive Assistant Coach in 2025 under Head Coach Bill Belichick. Pickrell coaches the tight ends, alongside offensive coordinator Freddie Kitchens.

Pickrell joined the Carolina Football staff as the assistant offensive line coach in 2022, after serving in the same role at the University of Central Florida. Over the past three seasons at UNC, Pickrell has served in various roles including interim offensive line coach, interim tight ends coach and offensive analyst.

Prior to UCF, Pickrell spent seven seasons coaching high school football in both Texas and Florida. While in Florida, Pickrell was the offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Lakeland High School. He helped lead the Dreadnaughts to a 7A State Championship, as well as a top-10 national ranking.

Pickrell attended Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he started 46 games and was a two-time all-conference selection.

A native of Lakeland, Florida, Pickrell and his wife Denissia have a son, Parker.

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MICHAEL LOMBARDI

GENERAL MANAGER

1st Season | Hofstra, 1981

Michael Lombardi, a three-time Super Bowl champion as an executive with over 30 years of experience in NFL front offices, joined the North Carolina football program as General Manager in December 2024.

Lombardi's career in the NFL has been spent working with the New England Patriots, San Francisco 49ers, Oakland Raiders, Denver Broncos, Philadelphia Eagles and Cleveland Browns.

He joined the NFL personnel ranks in 1984, spending three seasons in the personnel department of the San Francisco 49ers, working with legendary coach Bill Walsh and winning Super Bowl XIX following the 1984 season.

Lombardi was a three-year letterman as a defensive lineman at Hofstra University. He and his wife Millie have two sons, Mick and Matthew, who are both currently coaching.

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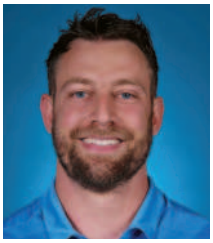

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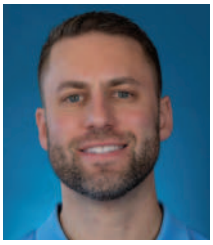

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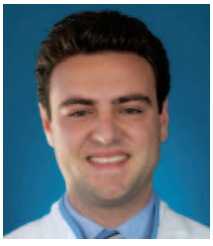

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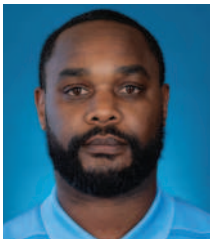

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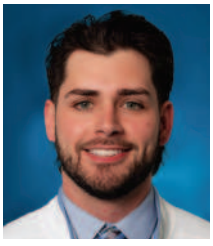

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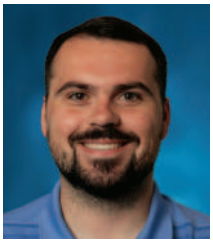

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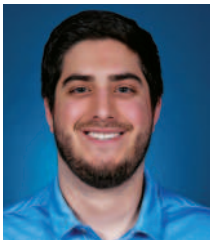

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A

Sam Aiken (WR) – Buffalo 2003-07, New England 2008-09
Ethan Albright (OT) – Miami 1994-95, Buffalo 1996-2000, Washington 2001-09, San Diego 2010
Tyrone Anthony (RB) – New Orleans 1984-85
Marvin Austin (DT) – New York Giants 2011-12, Miami 2013, Dallas 2013, Denver 2014-15

B

Carlton Bailey (LB) – Buffalo 1988-92, New York Giants 1993-94, Carolina 1995-97
Kentwan Balmer (DT) – San Francisco 2008-09, Seattle 2010, Washington 2011-12
Jake Bargas (FB) – Minnesota 2020-21
Connor Barth (PK) – Kansas City 2008, Tampa Bay 2009-13, Denver 2014, Tampa Bay 2015, Chicago 2016-17
Octavus Barnes (WR) – Atlanta 1998-99
Troy Barnett (NG) – New England 1994-96, Washington 1996
Roy Barker (DT) – Minnesota 1992-95, San Francisco 1996-98, Cleveland 1999, Green Bay 1999, Minnesota 2000
Tommy Barnhardt (P) – New Orleans 1987, Chicago 1987, Washington 1988, New Orleans 1989-94, Carolina 1995, Tampa Bay 1996-98, New Orleans 1999, Washington 2000
Harris Barton (OT) – San Francisco 1987-98
Henry Bartos (G) – Washington 1938
Giovani Bernard (RB) – Cincinnati 2013-20, Tampa Bay 2021-22
James Betterson (RB) – Philadelphia 1977-78
Terry Billups (CB) – Miami 1998, Dallas 1998, New England 1999
Brian Blados (OG) – Cincinnati 1984-91, Indianapolis 1991, Tampa Bay 1992
Phil Blazer (G) – Buffalo 1960
Dre' Bly (CB) – St. Louis 1999-2002, Detroit 2003-06, Denver 2007-08, San Francisco 2009
Eric Blount (RB/KR) – Arizona 1992-93
Russell Bodine (C) – Cincinnati 2014-17, Buffalo 2018-19
Brian Bollinger (OG) – San Francisco 1992-93, Arizona 1994
Travis Bond (OG) – Minnesota 2012, Carolina 2012-13, St. Louis 2014-16
Tre Boston (S) – Carolina 2014-16, 2019-20, LA Chargers 2017, Arizona 2018
Sean Boyd (S) – Atlanta 1996
British Brooks (RB) – Houston 2024
Bucky Brooks (DB) – Buffalo 1994, Green Bay 1995-96, Jacksonville 1996-97, Kansas City 1997-98, Oakland 1998-99
Dyami Brown (WR) – Washington 2021-24
Jason Brown (C) – Baltimore 2006-08, St. Louis 2009-11
Na Brown (WR) – Philadelphia 1999-2001
Omar Brown (S) – Atlanta 1998-99
Zach Brown (LB) – Tennessee 2012-15, Buffalo 2016, Washington 2017-18, Philadelphia 2019
Kelvin Bryant (RB) – Philadelphia (USFL) 1983-84, Baltimore (USFL) 1985, Washington 1986-90
John Bunting (LB) – Philadelphia 1972-82, Philadelphia (USFL) 1983-84
Danny Burmeister (DB) – Washington 1987
Tom Burnette (FB) – Philadelphia 1938, Pittsburgh 1938
Ron Burton (LB) – Dallas 1987-89, Phoenix 1989, L.A. Raiders 1990

C

Alan Caldwell (DB) – New York Giants 1979
Jim Camp (HB) – Brooklyn (AAFC) 1948
Malik Carney (LB) – Denver 2019
Carl Carr (LB) – Detroit 1987
Bruce Carter (LB) – Dallas 2011-14, Tampa Bay 2015, New York Jets 2016-18, Atlanta 2018
Michael Carter (RB) – New York Jets 2021-23, Arizona 2023-24
Ty Chandler (RB) – Minnesota 2022-24
Reggie Clark (LB) – New England 1991, San Diego 1992, Pittsburgh 1994, Jacksonville 1995-96, Green Bay 1997, Kansas City 1998
Henry Clement (E) – Pittsburgh 1961
Joe Conwell (OT) – Philadelphia (USFL) 1984, Baltimore (USFL) 1985, Philadelphia 1986-87
Jonathan Cooper (OG) – Arizona 2013-15, New England 2016, Cleveland 2016, Dallas 2017, Washington 2018, Oakland 2019
Quinton Coples (DE) – New York Jets 2012-15, Miami 2015, Los Angeles 2016
Aaron Crawford (DT) – Baltimore 2020-21
Alge Crumpler (TE) – Atlanta 2001-07, Tennessee 2008-09, New England 2010
Buddy Curry (LB) – Atlanta 1980-87
Ronald Curry (WR/KR) – Oakland 2002-08

D

Calvin Daniels (LB) – Kansas City 1982-85, Washington 1986
Jalen Dalton (DL) – New Orleans 2020-21, Atlanta 2022
Bill Darnall (WR) – Miami 1968-69
Paul Davis (LB) – Atlanta 1981-82, N.Y. Giants 1983, St. Louis 1983
Quinshad Davis (WR) – Detroit 2016
Reuben Davis (DT) – Tampa Bay 1988-92, Phoenix 1992-93, San Diego 1994-98
Russell Davis (DL) – Chicago 1999, Arizona 2000-06, Seattle 2006, New York Giants 2007-08
Greg DeLong (TE) – Minnesota 1995-98, Baltimore 1999-2000
Jimmy DeRatt (DB) – New Orleans 1975
Kevin Donnalley (OT) – Houston 1991-96, Tennessee 1997, Miami 1998-2000, Carolina 2001-03
Rick Donnalley (C) – Pittsburgh 1981-83, Washington 1984-85, Kansas City 1986-87
Myles Dorn (DB) – Minnesota 2021-22
Torin Dorn (DB) – L.A. Raiders 1990-94, St. Louis 1995-96
Josh Downs (WR) – Indianapolis 2023-24
Shaun Draughn (TB) – Kansas City 2011-12, Baltimore 2013, Cleveland 2014, San Francisco 2015-16
David Drechsler (OG) – Green Bay 1983-84
Deon Dyer (FB) – Miami 2000-02

E

Ebenezer Ekuban (DE) – Dallas 1999-03, Cleveland 2004-05, Denver 2006-08
Eric Ebron (TE) – Detroit 2014-17, Indianapolis 2018-19, Pittsburgh 2020-21
Greg Ellis (DE) – Dallas 1998-08, Oakland 2009
Joshua Ezeudu (OL) – New York Giants 2022-24

F

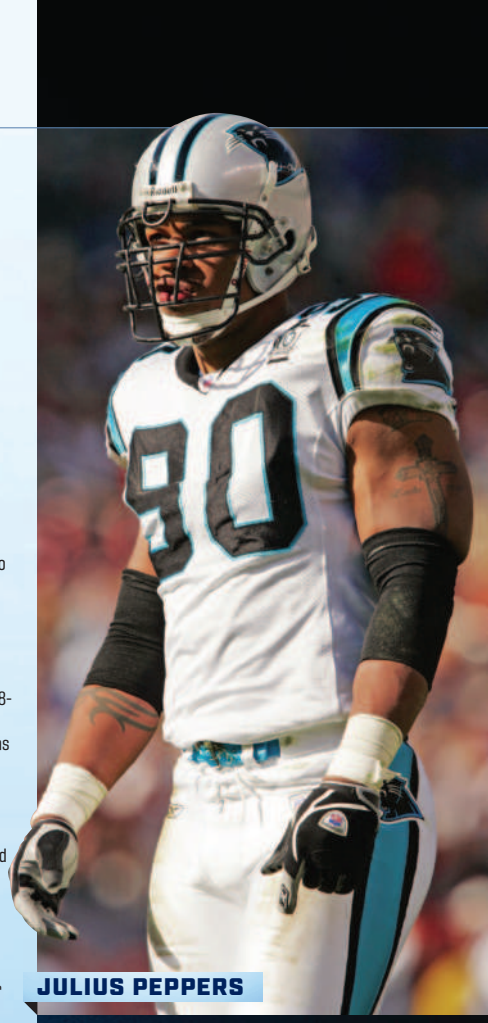
Mike Faulkerson (FB) – Chicago 1995-96, Carolina 1998-99
Howard Feggins (DB) – New England 1989, NY Giants 1990
Derrick Fenner (RB) – Seattle 1989-91, Cincinnati 1992-94, Oakland 1995-97
Brooks Foster (WR) – St. Louis 2009
Toman Fox (LB) – New York Giants 2022-24
Arnold Franklin (TE) – New England 1987
William Fuller (DE) – Philadelphia (USFL) 1984, Baltimore (USFL) 1985, Houston 1986-93, Philadelphia 1994-96, San Diego 1997-98

G

Aamari Gainer (LB) – Las Vegas 2024
Frank Gallagher (OG) – Detroit 1967-72, Minnesota 1973, Atlanta 1973
Tim Goad (DT) – New England 1988-94, Cleveland 1995, Baltimore 1996
Al Goldstein (SE) – Oakland 1960
Antonio Goss (LB) – San Diego 1990, San Francisco 1989, 91-95, St. Louis 1996
Cecil Gray (OL) – Philadelphia 1990-92, Green Bay 1992, New Orleans 1993, Indianapolis 1993-94, Arizona 1995
Cedric Gray (LB) – Tennessee 2024
Antoine Green (WR) – Detroit 2023-24
Larry Griffin (DB) – Houston 1986, Miami 1987, Pittsburgh 1987-93
George Grimes (B) – Detroit 1948

H

Darrell Hamilton (OT) – Denver 1989-91
James Hamilton (LB) – Jacksonville 1997-99
Chris Hanburger (LB) – Washington 1965-78
Roscoe Hansen (T) – Philadelphia 1951
Bernardo Harris (LB) – Green Bay 1995- 2001, Baltimore 2002-03
Willie Harris (DB) – Baltimore (USFL) 1985
Dee Hardison (DT) – Buffalo 1978-80, New York Giants 1981-85, San Diego 1986-87, Kansas City 1988



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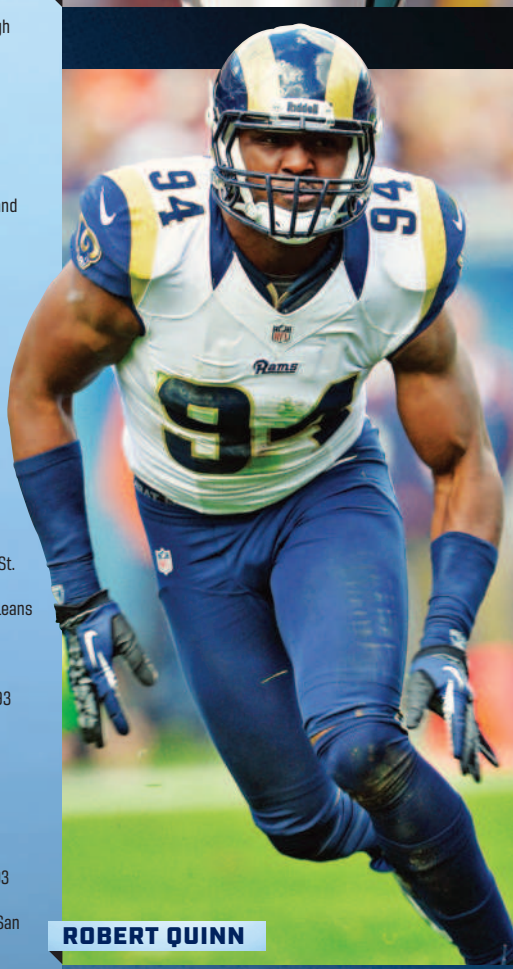

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Victor Harrison (WR) – Philadelphia (USFL) 1984, Baltimore (USFL) 1985, New Orleans 1987
Rip Hawkins (LB) – Minnesota 1961-65
Jeff Hayes (P) – Washington 1982-85, Cincinnati 1986, Miami 1987
Ted Hazelwood (T) – Chicago (AAFC) 1949, Washington 1953
Charlie Heck (OL) – Houston 2023-24, Arizona 2024, San Francisco 2024
Madison Hedgecock (FB) – St. Louis 2006-07, New York Giants 2007-11
William Henderson (FB) – Green Bay 1995-2006
Tom Higgins (T) – Chicago Cardinals 1953, Philadelphia 1954-55
Zach Hilton (TE) – New Orleans 2003-04, New York Jets 2006
Jimmy Hitchcock (CB) – New England 1995-97, Minnesota 1998-99, Carolina 2000-01
Nate Hobgood-Chittick (DT) – New York Giants 1998, Indianapolis 1998-99, St. Louis 1999-2000, San Francisco 2000, Kansas City 2001-02
Sedrick Hodge (LB) – New Orleans 2001-06, Miami 2006
Cole Holcomb (LB) – Pittsburgh 2019-24
Jesse Holley (WR) – Dallas 2009-12
Corey Holliday (WR) – Pittsburgh 1994-97
Vonnie Holliday (DE) – Green Bay 1998-2002, Kansas City, 2003-05, Miami 2006-08, Denver 2009, Washington 2010, Arizona 2011-12
Dwight Hollier (LB) – Miami 1992-99, Indianapolis 2000
Mack Hollins (WR) – Philadelphia 2017-19, Miami 2019-2021, Las Vegas 2022, Atlanta 2023, Buffalo 2024
Elijah Hood (RB) – Oakland 2017-18, Jacksonville 2019
Ethan Horton (TE) – Kansas City 1985, L.A. Raiders 1987, 1989-93, Washington 1994
Bug Howard (WR) – Indianapolis 2017, Denver 2019
Sam Howell (QB) – Washington 2022-23, Seattle 2024
Ken Huff (OG) – Baltimore 1975-82, Washington 1983-85
James Hurst (OT) – Baltimore 2014-19, New Orleans 2020-23

J

Ray Jacobs (LB) – Denver 1994-95
Bill Jackson (DB) – Cleveland 1982
Don Jackson (HB) – Philadelphia 1936
Leon Johnson (TB) – N.Y. Jets 1997-2000, Chicago 2001-02, San Diego 2003-04
Sammy Johnson (RB) – San Francisco 1974-76, Minnesota 1976-78, Philadelphia 1979, Green Bay 1979
Brian Johnston (C) – New York Giants 1986-87
Lewis Jolley (RB) – Houston 1972-73
Freddie Jones (TE) – San Diego 1997-2001, Arizona 2002-04, Carolina, 2005-06
Marcus Jones (DE) – Tampa Bay 1996-2002, Buffalo, 2002-03
Nazair Jones (DT) – Seattle 2017-19
Rondell Jones (FS) – Denver 1993-96, Baltimore 1997
Randy Jordan (RB) – L.A. Raiders 1993, Jacksonville 1995-97, Oakland 1998-02
Charlie Justice (HB) – Washington 1950, 1952-54

K

Ed Kahn (G) – Boston 1935-36, Washington 1937
Ken Keller (HB) – Philadelphia 1956-57
Bob Kennedy (HB) – Los Angeles (AAFC) 1949
Bill Koman (LB) – Baltimore 1956, Philadelphia 1957-58, Chicago Cardinals 1959, St. Louis 1960-67

L

Bob Lacey (SE) – Minnesota 1964, New York Giants 1965
Amos Lawrence (RB) – San Francisco 1981-82, Pittsburgh (USFL) 1984
Jonathan Linton (RB) – Buffalo 1998-2000
Greg Little (WR) – Cleveland 2011-13, Cincinnati 2014-15, Buffalo 2016
T.J. Logan (RB) – Arizona 2017-18, Tampa Bay 2019-20

M

Jim Magner (HB) – Frankford 1931
Steve Maronic (T) – Detroit 1939-40
Kareem Martin (DE) – Arizona 2014-17, NY Giants 2018-19, Detroit 2020
Eddie Mason (LB) – New York Jets 1995-96, Jacksonville 1998, Washington 1999-2002
Deems May (TE) – San Diego 1992-96, Seattle 1997-99
Drake Maye (QB) – New England 2024
Kivuusama Mays (LB) – Minnesota 1998-99, Green Bay 1999
Michael McAdoo (DE) – Baltimore 2011-12
Don McCauley (RB) – Baltimore 1971-81
Marcus McKethan (OL) – New York Giants 2022-23
Kyler McMichael (DB) – Buffalo 2022
Natrone Means (TB) – San Diego 1993-95, Jacksonville 1996-97, San Diego 1998-99, Carolina 1999-2000
Andy Miketa (C) – Detroit 1954-55
Quincy Monk (LB) – New York Giants 2002-04
Bill Moore (E) – Detroit 1939
Romar Morris (TB) – New York Jets 2016
Tim Morrison (DB) – Washington 1986-87
Mike Morton (LB) – Oakland 1995-98, Green Bay 1999, St. Louis 1999, Green Bay 2000-01

N

Keith Newman (LB) – Buffalo 1999-2002, Atlanta 2003, Minnesota 2004-06
Dazz Newsome (WR) – Chicago 2021-22
Hakeem Nicks (WR) – New York Giants 2009-13, Indianapolis 2014, New York Giants, 2015

P

Chase Page (DT) – Miami 2006-07
Riddick Parker (DT) – Seattle 1997-2000, New England 2001-02, Baltimore 2002
Willie Parker (TB) – Pittsburgh 2004-09, Washington 2010
Doug Paschal (RB) – Minnesota 1980-81
Julius Peppers (DE) – Carolina 2002-09, 2017-18, Chicago 2010-13, Green Bay 2014-16
Zack Pianalto (TE) – Tampa Bay 2011
Ray Poole (E) – New York Giants 1947-52
Robert Pratt (OG) – Baltimore 1974-81, Seattle 1982-85
Jabari Price (CB) – Minnesota 2014
R.J. Prince (OL) – Pittsburgh 2018-19
Mike Pringley (DE) – Detroit 1999-2000, San Diego 2001
Austin Proehl (WR) – Buffalo 2018, 2021, LA Rams 2019, LA Chargers 2021
Andre Purvis (DT) – Cincinnati 1997-2000

Q

Richard Quinn (TE) – Denver 2009-10, Washington 2011, Cincinnati 2012
Robert Quinn (DE) – St. Louis/Los Angeles 2011-17, Miami 2018, Dallas 2019, Chicago 2020-21, Philadelphia 2022

R

Shakeel Rashad (LB) – Houston 2016
Anthony Ratliff-Williams (WR) – Tennessee/Oakland 2019
Kevin Reddick (LB) – New Orleans 2013, Carolina 2014, Buffalo 2015
Jeff Reed (PK) – Pittsburgh 2002-10, San Francisco 2010
Dexter Reid (FS) – New England 2004-05, Indianapolis 2006
Garrett Reynolds (OG) – Atlanta 2009-13, Detroit 2014, St. Louis 2015
Asim Richards (OL) – Dallas 2023-24
Mike Richey (T) – Buffalo 1969, New Orleans 1970
Austin Robbins (DL) – L.A./Oakland Raiders 1994-96, New Orleans 1996-2001
Shelton Robinson (LB) – Seattle 1982-85, Detroit 1986-88
Hosea Rodgers (FB) – Los Angeles (AAFC) 1949

S

Jeff Saturday (C) – St. Louis 1999, Indianapolis 2000-11, Green Bay 2012
Jeff Schoettmer (LB) – New Orleans 2016
Tim Scott (DB) – New York Giants 2017
Da'Norris Searcy (S) – Buffalo 2011-14, Tennessee 2015-17, Carolina 2018
Jonas Seawright (DT) – New York Giants 2006-07
Gerald Sensabaugh (FS) – Jacksonville 2006-08, Dallas 2009-12
Rickie Shaw (OL) – Seattle 1992
Brian Simmons (LB) – Cincinnati 1998-2006, New Orleans 2007
Dave Simmons (LB) – Green Bay 1979-80, Detroit 1980, Baltimore 1982, Chicago 1983
Ryan Sims (DT) – Kansas City 2002-06, Tampa Bay 2007-10
Andre Smith (LB) – Carolina 2018-19, Buffalo 2020-21, Tennessee 2022, Atlanta 2023
Bill Smith (T) – Chicago (AAFC) 1948, Los Angeles (AAFC) 1948
Thomas Smith (CB) – Buffalo 1993-99, Chicago 2000-01
Brandon Spoon (LB) – Buffalo 2001-03, St. Louis 2004
Don Stallings (DT) – Washington 1960
Harry Stanback (DT) – Baltimore 1982
Scott Stankavage (QB) – Denver 1984 & 1986, Miami 1987
M.J. Stewart (CB) – Tampa Bay 2018-19, Cleveland 2020-21, Houston 2022-24
Eric Streater (WR) – Tampa Bay 1987
Jason Strowbridge (DE) – Miami 2020
Quan Sturdivant (LB) – Arizona 2011
Oscar Sturgis (DE) – Dallas 1995, Green Bay 1996, Miami 1996
Chazz Surratt (LB) – Minnesota 2021, New York Jets 2022-24
Ed Sutton (HB) – Washington 1957-59, New York Giants 1960-61
William Sweet (OL) – Dallas 2020
Ryan Switzer (WR) – Dallas 2017, Pittsburgh 2018-19, Cleveland 2020-21
Len Szafaryn (T) – Washington 1949, Green Bay 1950 & 1953-56, Philadelphia 1957-58

T

George Tandy (C) – Cleveland 1921
Brandon Tate (WR) – New England 2009-10, Cincinnati 2011-15, Buffalo 2016-17, New Orleans 2018
Hilee Taylor (DE) – Carolina 2008-10
Ryan Taylor (TE) – Green Bay 2011-13, Baltimore 2014, Cleveland 2014, Miami 2015
Lawrence Taylor (LB) – New York Giants 1981-93
Jeb Terry (OL) – Tampa Bay 2004-07
Rick Terry (DT) – N.Y. Jets 1997-98, Carolina 1998-99
Tommy Thigpen (LB) – New York Giants 1993-94
Cam Thomas (DT) – San Diego 2010-13, Pittsburgh 2014-15, Los Angeles 2016,, Kansas City 2017
Donnell Thompson (DE) – Baltimore 1981-83, Indianapolis 1984-91
David Thornton (LB) – Indianapolis, 2002-06, Tennessee 2006-10
Dennis Tripp (DT) – New York Giants 1991
Mitchell Trubisky (QB) – Chicago 2017-2020, Buffalo 2021, Pittsburgh 2022-23, Buffalo 2024
Dave Truitt (TE) – Washington 1987
Landon Turner (OG) – New Orleans 2016-17

V

Mike Voight (RB) – Houston 1977

W

Charles Waddell (TE) – Tampa Bay 1977
Michael Waddell (DB) – Tennessee, 2004-07, Oakland 2008
Bracey Walker (DB) – Kansas City 1994, Cincinnati 1994-96, Miami 1997, Kansas City 1998-2001, Detroit 2002-06
Devontez Walker (WR) – Baltimore 2024
Greg Warren (DS) – Pittsburgh 2006-16
Art Weiner (E) – New York Yanks 1950
Johnny White (TB) – Buffalo 2011-12, Green Bay 2012
Mike Wilcher (LB) – Los Angeles Rams 1983-90, San Diego 1991
Ken Willard (FB) – San Francisco 1965-73, St. Louis 1974
Antonio Williams (RB) – Buffalo 2020-21
Brennan Williams (OT) – Houston 2013, Jacksonville 2015
Brooks Williams (TE) – New Orleans 1978-81, Chicago 1981-82, New England 1983
Javonte Williams (RB) – Denver 2021-24
Marquise Williams (QB) – Green Bay 2016
Robert Williams (CB) – Kansas City 1998-99, New Orleans 2000
Sylvester Williams (DT) – Denver 2014-16, 2020, Tennessee 2017, Detroit/Miami 2018, LA Chargers 2019
Ernie Williamson (T) – Washington 1947, New York Giants 1948, Los Angeles (AAFC) 1949
E.J. Wilson (DE) – Seattle 2010, Tampa Bay 2010
Bo Wood (DE) – Atlanta 1967
Ron Wooten (OG) – New England 1981-89
Wallace Wright (WR) – New York Jets 2006-09, Carolina 2010

Y

T.J. Yates (QB) – Houston 2011-13, Atlanta 2014, Houston 2015, Miami 2016, Houston 2017

TAR HEELS IN THE NFL

DRAFT HISTORY (SINCE 1985)

YR.	PLAYER (POS.)	RD.	TEAM
1985	Ethan Horton (TE/RB)	1	Kansas City
	Brian Johnston (C)	3	N.Y. Giants
	Greg Naron (G)	4	Philadelphia
	Micah Moon (LB)	9	Atlanta
1986	Larry Griffin (DB)	8	Houston
	Tommy Barnhardt (P)	9	Tampa Bay
	Carl Carr (LB)	10	N.Y. Jets
	Arnold Franklin (TE)	11	Miami
1987	Harris Barton (OT)	1	San Francisco
1988	Tim Goad (NT)	4	New England
	Carlton Bailey (NT)	9	Buffalo
	Reuben Davis (DT)	9	Tampa Bay
1989	Derrick Fenner (RB)	10	Seattle
	Darrell Hamilton (OT)	3	Denver
	Antonio Goss (LB)	12	San Francisco
1990	Torin Dorn (DB)	4	L.A. Raiders
	Cecil Gray (DT)	9	Philadelphia
1991	Kevin Donnalley (OT)	3	Houston
1992	Brian Bollinger (OT)	3	San Francisco
	Dwight Hollier (LB)	4	Miami
	Roy Barker (DT)	4	Minnesota
	Deems May (TE)	7	San Diego
	Eric Blount (WR)	8	Phoenix
1993	Thomas Smith (DB)	1	Buffalo
	Natrone Means (RB)	2	San Diego
	Rondell Jones (DB)	3	Denver
	Tommy Thigpen (LB)	5	N.Y. Giants
1994	Bucky Brooks (WR)	2	Buffalo
	Austin Robbins (DE)	4	L.A. Raiders
	Bracey Walker (DB)	4	Kansas City
	Sean Crocker (DB)	4	Buffalo
1995	William Henderson (FB)	3	Green Bay
	Jimmy Hitchcock (DB)	3	New England
	Mike Morton (LB)	4	L.A. Raiders
	Eddie Mason (LB)	6	N.Y. Jets
	Oscar Sturgis (DE)	7	Dallas
1996	Marcus Jones (DT)	1	Tampa Bay
	Sean Boyd (DB)	5	Minnesota
1997	Rick Terry (DT)	2	N.Y. Jets
	Freddie Jones (TE)	2	San Diego
	James Hamilton (LB)	3	Jacksonville
	Leon Johnson (TB)	4	N.Y. Jets
	Andre Purvis (DT)	5	Cincinnati
1998	Greg Ellis (DE)	1	Dallas
	Vonnie Holliday (DT)	1	Green Bay
	Brian Simmons (LB)	1	Cincinnati
	Omar Brown (SS)	4	Atlanta
	Kivuusama Mays (LB)	4	Minnesota
	Robert Williams (CB)	5	Kansas City
	Jonathan Linton (TB)	5	Buffalo
1999	Ebenezer Ekuban (DE)	1	Dallas
	Dre' Bly (CB)	2	St. Louis
	Russell Davis (DT)	2	Chicago
	Keith Newman (LB)	4	Buffalo
	Na Brown (WR)	4	Philadelphia
	Mike Pringley (DE)	7	Detroit
2000	Deon Dyer (FB)	4	Miami
2001	Alge Crumpler (TE)	2	Atlanta
	Sedrick Hodge (LB)	3	New Orleans
	Brandon Spoon (LB)	4	Buffalo
	Dauntae' Finger (TE)	7	Tampa Bay
2002	Julius Peppers (DE)	1	Carolina
	Ryan Sims (DT)	1	Kansas City
	David Thornton (LB)	4	Indianapolis
	Joey Evans (DE)	7	Cincinnati
	Ronald Curry (QB)	7	Oakland
	Quincy Monk (LB)	7	N.Y. Giants
2003	Sam Aiken (WR)	4	Buffalo
2004	Dexter Reid (FS)	4	New England
	Michael Waddell (CB)	4	Tennessee
	Jeb Terry (OG)	5	Tampa Bay
2005	Jason Brown (C)	4	Baltimore
	Gerald Sensabaugh (S)	5	Jacksonville
	Madison Hedgecock (FB)	7	St. Louis
2006	Chase Page (DT)	7	San Diego
2008	Kentwan Balmer (DT)	1	San Francisco
	Hilee Taylor (DE)	7	Carolina
2009	Hakeem Nicks (WR)	1	N.Y. Giants
	Richard Quinn (TE)	2	Denver
	Brandon Tate (WR)	3	New England
	Garrett Reynolds (OT)	5	Atlanta
	Brooks Foster (WR)	5	St. Louis
2010	E.J. Wilson (DE)	4	Seattle
	Cam Thomas (DT)	5	San Diego
2011	Robert Quinn (DE)	1	St. Louis
	Bruce Carter (LB)	2	Dallas
	Marvin Austin (DT)	2	N.Y. Giants
	Greg Little (WR)	2	Cleveland
	Da'Norris Searcy (S)	4	Buffalo
	Johnny White (TB)	5	Buffalo
	T.J. Yates (QB)	5	Houston
	Quan Sturdivant (LB)	6	Arizona
	Ryan Taylor (TE)	7	Green Bay
2012	Quinton Coples (DE)	1	N.Y. Jets
	Zach Brown (LB)	2	Tennessee
2013	Jonathan Cooper (OG)	1	Arizona
	Sylvester Williams (DT)	1	Denver
	Giovani Bernard (TB)	2	Cincinnati
	Brennan Williams (OT)	3	Houston
	Travis Bond (OG)	7	Minnesota
2014	Eric Ebron (TE)	1	Detroit
	Kareem Martin (DE)	3	Arizona
	Russell Bodine (C)	4	Cincinnati
	Tre Boston (S)	4	Carolina
	Jabari Price (CB)	7	Minnesota
2017	Mitch Trubisky (QB)	1	Chicago
	Nazair Jones (DT)	3	Seattle
	Mack Hollins (WR)	4	Philadelphia
	Ryan Switzer (WR)	4	Dallas
	T.J. Logan (TB)	5	Arizona
	Elijah Hood (TB)	7	Oakland
2018	M.J. Stewart (DB)	3	Tampa Bay
	Andre Smith (LB)	7	Carolina
	Austin Proehl (WR)	7	Buffalo
2019	Cole Holcomb (LB)	5	Washington
2020	Charlie Heck (OL)	4	Houston
	Jason Strowbridge (DL)	5	Miami
2021	Javonte Williams (RB)	2	Denver
	Chazz Surratt (LB)	3	Minnesota
	Dyami Brown (WR)	3	Washington
	Michael Carter (RB)	4	N.Y. Jets
	Dazz Newsome (WR)	6	Chicago
2022	Joshua Ezeudu (OL)	3	N.Y. Giants
	Sam Howell (QB)	5	Washington
	Ty Chandler (RB)	5	Minnesota
	Marcus McKethan (OL)	5	N.Y. Giants
2023	Josh Downs (WR)	3	Indianapolis
	Asim Richards (OL)	5	Dallas
	Antoine Green (WR)	7	Detroit
	Ray Vohasek (DL)	7	Jacksonville
2024	Drake Maye (QB)	1	New England
	Cedric Gray (LB)	4	Tennessee
	Devontez Walker (WR)	4	Baltimo
2025	Omarion Hampton (RB)	1	L.A. Charg

DRAFT FACTS

- Most players drafted: 9 in 2011; 7 in 1949, 1998
- Most recent first-round draft pick: Omarion Hampton, No. 22 to Los Angeles Chargers
- Highest pick: No. 2; Mitch Trubisky (QB), in 2017; Julius Peppers (DE), in 2002; Lawrence Taylor (OLB), in 1982; Ken Willard (RB), in 1965

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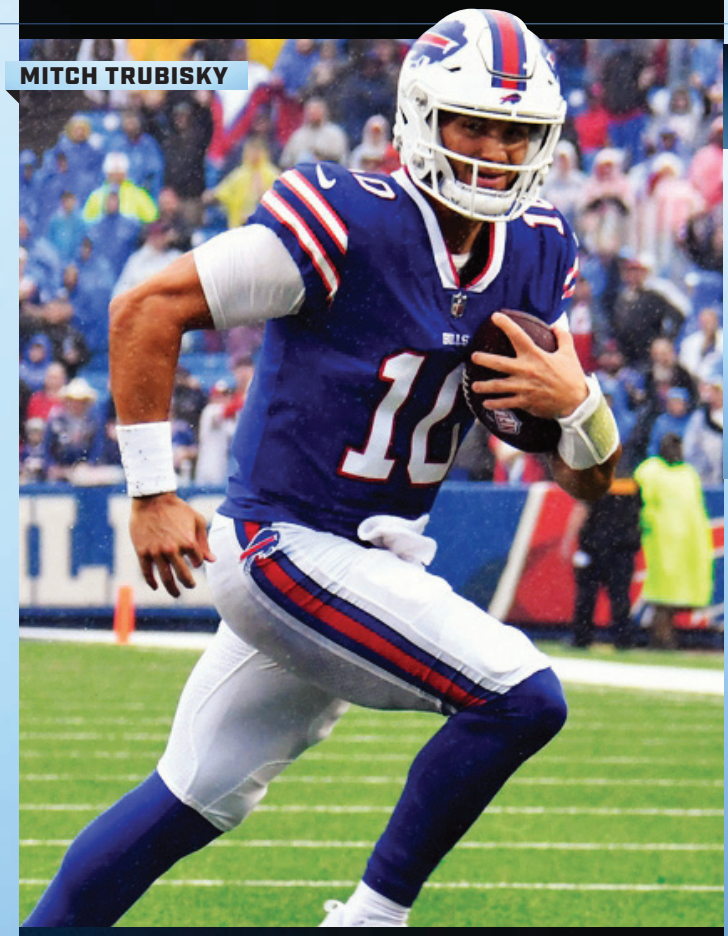
CAROLINA DRAFT FIRST-ROUND DRAFT NOTES

- During Mack Brown's first stint at UNC, he produced six Tar Heels who would go on to be selected in the first round of the NFL Draft, including three in 1998 (Greg Ellis, Vonnie Holliday and Brian Simmons). Brown also produced an additional seven second-round selections.
- Mitch Trubisky was selected No. 2 overall by the Chicago Bears in the 2017 NFL Draft. That matches the highest selection ever for a UNC player. Ken Willard (1965), Lawrence Taylor (1981) and Julius Peppers (2002) were also selected No. 2 overall.
- Drake Maye was drafted by the New England Patriots with the No. 3 overall pick in the 2024 NFL Draft. That is the highest selection of a Tar Heel since Mitch Trubisky was selected by the Chicago Bears with the No. 2 selection in 2017.
- Maye was the 10th player in UNC history taken in the top 10 of the NFL Draft. Carolina's other top 10 draft picks are Ken Willard (No. 2 in 1965), Lawrence Taylor (No. 2 in 1981), Julius Peppers (No. 2 in 2002), Ken Huff (No. 3 in 1975), Ryan Sims (No. 6 in 2002), Jonathan Cooper (No. 7 in 2013), Greg Ellis (No. 8 in 1998), Eric Ebron (No. 10 in 2014) and Mitch Trubisky (No. 2 in 2017).
- North Carolina has produced nine first-round draft picks since 2008. That is the third-highest total of any ACC school. Clemson (18) and Florida State (13) have the most in that time frame, while no other in-state school has more than three first-round draft picks since 2008.
- Carolina's 25 all-time first-round draft picks are the most of any school in the state, ahead of NC State (18), Duke (8) and Wake Forest (5).

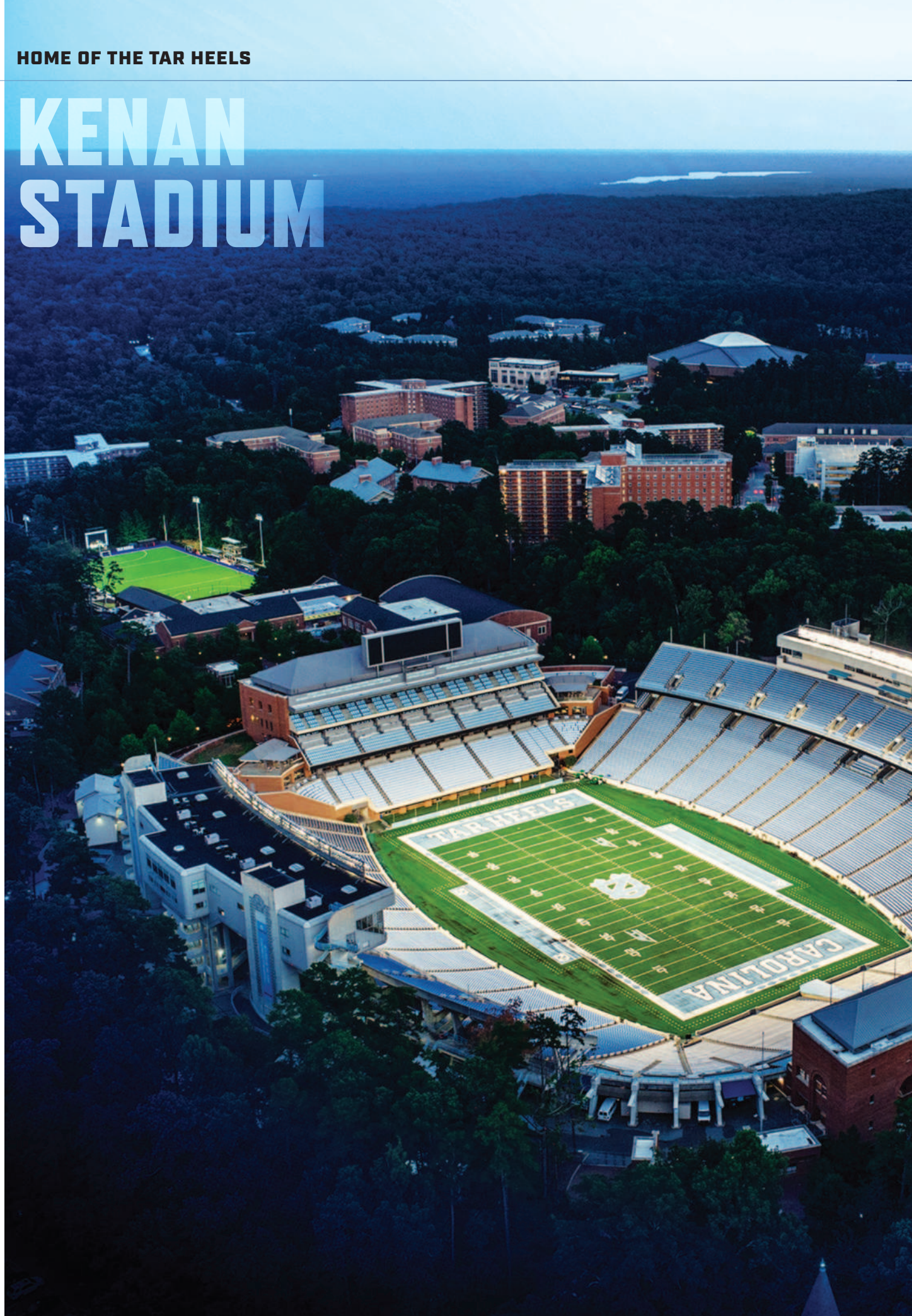
YEAR	PLAYER	PICK	TEAM
1965	Ken Willard (RB)	No. 2	San Francisco
1971	Don McCauley (TB)	No. 22	Baltimore
1975	Ken Huff (OG)	No. 3	Baltimore
1981	Lawrence Taylor (OLB)	No. 2	New York Giants
1981	Donnell Thompson (DE)	No. 18	Baltimore
1984	Brian Blados (OL)	No. 28	Cincinnati
1985	Ethan Horton (RB/TE)	No. 15	Kansas City
1987	Harris Barton (OT)	No. 22	San Francisco
1993	Thomas Smith (CB)	No. 28	Buffalo
1996	Marcus Jones (DT)	No. 22	Tampa Bay
1998	Greg Ellis (DE)	No. 8	Dallas
1998	Brian Simmons (LB)	No. 17	Cincinnati
1998	Vonnie Holliday (DT)	No. 19	Green Bay
1999	Ebenezer Ekuban (DE)	No. 20	Dallas
2002	Julius Peppers (DE)	No. 2	Carolina
2002	Ryan Sims (DT)	No. 6	Kansas City
2008	Kentwan Balmer (DT)	No. 29	San Francisco
2009	Hakeem Nicks (WR)	No. 29	New York Giants
2011	Robert Quinn (DE)	No. 14	St. Louis
2012	Quinton Coples (DE)	No. 16	New York Jets
2013	Jonathan Cooper (OG)	No. 7	Arizona
2013	Sylvester Williams (DT)	No. 28	Denver
2014	Eric Ebron (TE)	No. 10	Detroit
2017	Mitchell Trubisky (QB)	No. 2	Chicago
2024	Drake Maye (QB)	No. 3	New England
2025	Omarion Hampton (RB)	No. 22	L.A. Chargers



MITCH TRUBISKY

DRAKE MAYE

KENAN STADIUM



Considering its majestic setting among the Carolina pines, many observers say Kenan Stadium is the most beautiful football facility in the country. For scenery, atmosphere and charm, it cannot be surpassed.

In 2020, the field at Kenan Stadium was named Chris Smith Field at Kenan Stadium. The naming of Chris Smith Field acknowledges the incredible generosity of the Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family and honors their son Chris, a 1987 graduate of the University.

The stadium has been expanded several times since its completion in 1927. In each instance, great care was taken to keep its fundamental beauty intact. The most recent project was completed prior to the 2019 season with the installation of synthetic grass. In 2018, a majority of the bleacher seats in the stadium were converted to Carolina Blue chairback seats. With the installation of the new seats, Kenan Stadium now has a capacity of 50,500.

In 2011, Carolina opened the Loudermilk Center for Excellence and a premium seating section named the Blue Zone. Alumnus R. Charles "Charlie" Loudermilk Sr. of Atlanta made a naming gift backed by the generosity of hundreds of other donors to fund the 150,000 square-foot facility that serves all of Carolina's 800+ student-athletes across 28 sports.

The Loudermilk Center's largest feature is the John W. Pope Student-Athlete Academic Support Center, funded through a generous gift from the John William Pope Foundation. This 29,000 square-foot facility provides classrooms for teaching and tutoring, advanced computer technology, a writing lab, reading rooms and office space. It is also home to the Baddour Carolina Leadership Academy, which offers leadership training to Carolina student-athletes, coaches and staff. Also housed in the Loudermilk Center is a strength and conditioning center for Carolina's Olympic sports programs, facilities for men's lacrosse and a visitor's locker room that can be split to host high school football championships. Other features include premium seating for fans watching football games, as well as office and operations space for the department of athletics.

The Blue Zone offers 1,836 seats in the Concourse Club/Loge just a few feet from the field, 824 seats in the Upper Club/Loge and 320 seats in 20 suites on the fifth floor. Combined, the project added 2,980 seats to the stadium's capacity. The project also tied the north and south concourses together and provides the stadium with 360-degree concourse to enhance fan movement.

Located in the west end zone, the Kenan Football Center was completed in 1997 and houses the operational needs of the Carolina football program. The football center includes the UNC locker room, weight room, training room, equipment room, players' lounge, computer labs and study areas, coaches' offices and player meeting rooms.

An additional floor was added to the Kenan Football Center after the 2008 season. The fifth floor contains additional office and recruiting space for the day-to-day operations of the football program, four pregame gathering areas, a larger video and studio facility and a state-of-the-art press conference area. The second floor was completely renovated for increased football meeting spaces, including bigger individual position meeting rooms and a larger team meeting room. The fourth-floor renovations added additional office space for football support staff.

The football center is named in honor of the late Frank H. Kenan, one of the school's most generous benefactors. Kenan was a Durham resident and chief executive officer of Kenan Transport Company in Chapel Hill. He passed away at age 83 in 1996. Kenan, a 1935 Carolina graduate, was the great-great-grandson of General James Kenan, a member of the University's founding board of trustees. An Atlanta native, Kenan had a tremendous impact on the growth of the University. He served on many campus boards, including the Board of Visitors and the Educational Foundation Board of Directors. In recent years the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust, of which he was a trustee, has donated more than $100 million to schools in the state's consolidated university system, including Carolina, NC State and the N.C. School of the Arts. Among other things, the trust funds 92 William R. Kenan Jr. Professorships at 56 colleges and universities nationwide.

The premium seating box that rises above the second deck of the grandstand on the north side of the stadium is named for the John W. Pope Family. It features outdoor seating for almost 1,200 spectators and includes the Chancellor's Box on its second level.

William Rand Kenan Jr. deserves the credit for originally making the stadium a part of the University. He was born in North Carolina in 1873 and graduated from Carolina in 1894. An international industrialist, Kenan assisted in experiments that discovered calcium carbide and made monumental progress in the field of chemistry. During his business career, he was president of The Florida East Coast Railroad, The Florida East Coast Hotel Company, The West Palm Beach Water Company and the Florida East Coast Car Ferry Company. He was a director of Florida Power and Light Company and built the first power plant in Miami in the early 1900s.

Construction on the stadium began in November 1926 and was completed the following August. Complete cost of the stadium and accompanying fieldhouse was $303,000. Originally, the stadium was to be built through funds raised by alumni donations, and by June 1926, a group of nearly 40 alumni had contributed $27,926. At this time, however, a copy of the prospectus and plan of financing the stadium came into the hands of Kenan, who expressed an interest in the proposal. The pressing need for a stadium and the possibilities of the beauty, dignity and permanence it presented moved Kenan to make the naming gift. Kenan remained very interested in Kenan Stadium throughout his lifetime, making additional gifts to construct a second deck on the stadium and to enlarge and modernize the Kenan Fieldhouse.

In the first game played there, Carolina defeated Davidson, 27-0, on November 12, 1927. The most points scored by the Tar Heels in Kenan came in 2013 when UNC beat Old Dominion 80-20.

As originally built, the stadium seated 24,000. In 1997, the Tar Heels played in front of a record crowd of 62,000 on Nov. 8, 1997, as fifth-ranked Carolina battled No. 2 Florida State.

STADIUM RECORDS

Most Wins ..... 7 — 1980, 2015
Most Losses ..... 6 — 2002, 2017
Record in the 1920s ..... 8-3-1 (.708)
Record in the 1930s ..... 30-12-5 (.691)
Record in the 1940s ..... 29-14-4 (.660)
Record in the 1950s ..... 20-28-2 (.420)
Record in the 1960s ..... 25-25-0 (.500)
Record in the 1970s ..... 39-17-2 (.690)
Record in the 1980s ..... 35-24-1 (.592)
Record in the 1990s ..... 44-16-1 (.730)
Record in the 2000s ..... 33-30 (.524)
Record in the 2010s ..... 40-24 (.625)
Record in the 2020s ..... 23-10 (.697)
Overall Record ..... 326-203-16 (.613)
First Game at Kenan Stadium..Carolina 27, Davidson 0 on November 12, 1927
First Game with artificial lights...Carolina 34, Duke 27 on November 19, 1983

KENAN STADIUM RECORDS

YEAR	RECORD	YEAR	RECORD	YEAR	RECORD
1927	2-0	1960	2-3	1993	6-1
1928	2-2-1	1961	3-2	1994	5-1
1929	4-1	1962	2-3	1995	4-2
1930	3-0-2	1963	4-1	1996	5-0
1931	3-2	1964	4-1	1997	5-1
1932	2-3-1	1965	2-3	1998	3-2
1933	3-2	1966	1-4	1999	1-5
1934	3-1-1	1967	1-4	2000	3-3
1935	4-0	1968	2-3	2001	5-1
1936	3-1	1969	4-1	2002	0-6
1937	2-1-1	1970	5-1	2003	1-5
1938	2-2	1971	4-1	2004	4-2
1939	5-0	1972	6-0	2005	4-2
1940	3-2	1973	3-3	2006	2-5
1941	1-4	1974	6-0	2007	4-2
1942	3-0-1	1975	1-5	2008	5-2
1943	3-1	1976	5-1	2009	5-2
1944	1-3-1	1977	3-1-1	2010	3-3
1945	2-2	1978	3-3	2011	6-1
1946	4-0-1	1979	3-2-1	2012	6-1
1947	4-1	1980	7-0	2013	4-3
1948	4-0-1	1981	4-2	2014	4-2
1949	4-1	1982	6-1	2015	7-0
1950	2-2-1	1983	5-1	2016	4-2
1951	2-3	1984	3-2-1	2017	1-6
1952	0-4	1985	3-3	2018	2-3
1953	2-3	1986	4-1	2019	3-3
1954	3-2	1987	1-4	2020	5-1
1955	1-4	1988	1-5	2021	6-1
1956	1-3-1	1989	1-5	2022	3-3
1957	3-3	1990	4-2-1	2023	6-1
1958	3-2	1991	6-1	2024	3-4
1959	3-2	1992	5-1		

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RECORDS

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TOTAL OFFENSE

MOST PLAYS
Carolina: 63 by Marquise Williams vs. Georgia Tech, 2014; by Drake Maye vs. NC State, 2022
Opponents: 63 by Bryce Perkins of Virginia, 2019
MOST YARDS GAINED
Carolina: 571 by Sam Howell vs. Wake Forest, 2020
Opponents: 538 by Brennan Armstrong of Virginia, 2021
MOST YARDS GAINED BY A FRESHMAN
Carolina: 350 by Sam Howell vs. Virginia, 2019
Opponents: 329 by Russell Wilson of NC State, 2008
MOST TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE FOR
Carolina: 7 by Sam Howell vs. Wake Forest, 2020
Opponents: 7 by Sam Hartman of Wake Forest, 2021
MOST YARDS GAINED BY TWO OPPOSING PLAYERS
1,002 by Sam Howell (571) and Sam Hartman (431) of Wake Forest (431), 2020

RUSHING

MOST RUSHES
Carolina: 47 by Don McCauley vs. Duke, 1970; by Mike Voight vs. Duke, 1976
Opponents: 39 by Lance Ball of Maryland, 2005
MOST YARDS RUSHING
Carolina: 328 by Derrick Fenner vs. Virginia, 1986
Opponents: 243 by Mike Imoh of Virginia Tech, 2004
MOST YARDS BY A FRESHMAN
Carolina: 165 by Giovani Bernard vs. Duke, 2011
Opponents: 164 by T.A. McLendon of NC State, 2002
MOST YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK
Carolina: 174 by Ricky Lanier vs. VMI, 1969
Opponents: 167 by Jacoby Brissett of NC State, 2014
MOST YARDS BY TWO PLAYERS ON SAME TEAM
Carolina: 400 by Derrick Fenner (328) and James Thompson (72) vs. Virginia, 1986
Opponents: 328 by Jacoby Brissett (167) and Shadrach Thornton (161) of NC State, 2014
MOST YARDS GAINED IN KENAN STADIUM OPENER
Carolina: 236 by Omarion Hampton vs. App State, 2023
Opponents: 201 by Ray Rice of Rutgers, 2006
MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY RUSHING
Carolina: 6 by Kelvin Bryant vs. East Carolina, 1981
Opponents: 5 by Reggie Gallaspy of NC State, 2018
MOST YARDS GAINED BY TWO OPPOSING PLAYERS
391 by Mike Voight (261) and Mike Dunn (131) of Duke, 1976
LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE
Freshman: Carolina: 63 yards by T.J. Logan vs. ODU, 2013 (TD)
Sophomore: Carolina: 90 yards by Curtis Johnson vs. Maryland, 1993 (TD)
Junior: Carolina: 83 yards by Tyrone Anthony vs. Army, 1982 (TD)
Senior: Carolina: 86 yards by George Stirnweiss vs. The Citadel, 1939 (TD)
Opponent (any class): 85 yards by Jonathan Dwyer of Georgia Tech, 2008 (TD)

PASSING

MOST ATTEMPTS
Carolina: 53 by Kevin Anthony vs. LSU, 1985
Opponents: 58 by Andrew Walter of Arizona State, 2003
MOST COMPLETIONS
Carolina: 38 by Marquise Williams vs. Georgia Tech, 2014
Opponents: 40 by Brennan Armstrong of Virginia, 2021
MOST YARDS GAINED
Carolina: 550 by Sam Howell vs. Wake Forest, 2020
Opponents: 553 by Brennan Armstrong of Virginia, 2021
MOST YARDS GAINED IN KENAN STADIUM OPENER
Carolina: 432 by Mitch Trubisky vs. James Madison, 2016
Opponents: 322 by Lang Campbell of William & Mary, 2004
MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES
Carolina: 6 by Sam Howell vs. Wake Forest, 2020
Opponents: 5 by Scott Milanovich of Maryland, 1993; Mike Glennon of NC State, 2012; Sam Hartman of Wake Forest, 2021
LONGEST PASS PLAY
Carolina: 91 yards from Marquise Williams to Mack Hollins vs. San Diego State, 2014 (TD)
Opponents: 98 yards from Christian Ponder to Rod Owens of Florida State, 2009 (TD)
MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED
Carolina: 6 by Chuckie Burnette vs. Duke, 1989
Opponents: 4 on 12 occasions; most recent Matt Johns of Virginia, 2015
MOST COMPLETIONS BY A FRESHMAN
Carolina: 27 by Sam Howell vs. App State, 2019
Opponents: 30 by Jarren Williams of Miami, 2019
MOST YARDS GAINED BY A FRESHMAN
Carolina: 361 by Darian Durant vs. East Carolina, 2001
Opponents: 309 by Jarren Williams of Miami, 2019
MOST YARDS GAINED BY TWO PLAYERS COMBINED
992 by Sam Howell (550) and Sam Hartman (429) of Wake Forest (431), 2020
MOST CONSECUTIVE PASSES COMPLETED
Carolina (multiple games): 30 by Mitch Trubisky, 2016 (last 18 vs. James Madison, first 12 vs. Pitt)
Carolina (one game): 18 by Mitch Trubisky vs. James Madison, 2016
Opponents: 16 by Christian Ponder of Florida State, 2009
HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PASSES COMPLETED (min. 15 comp.)
Carolina: 95.7 by Bryn Renner (22 of 23) vs. James Madison, 2011
Opponents: 92.0 by Terry Jordan of NC State (23 of 25), 1992

RECEIVING

MOST RECEPTIONS
Carolina: 16 by Charlie Carr vs. Air Force, 1966; by Ryan Switzer vs. Pitt, 2016
Opponents: 13 by Mohamed Sanu of Rutgers, 2011; by Terrell Jana of Virginia, 2019
MOST YARDS GAINED
Carolina: 211 by Octavus Barnes vs. Ohio, 1995
Opponents: 250 by Jermaine Lewis of Maryland, 1993
MOST CATCHES BY A FRESHMAN
Carolina: 9 by Quinshad Davis vs. Maryland, 2012
Opponents: 10 by Ibn Green of Louisville, 1996
MOST CATCHES BY A RUNNING BACK
Carolina: 11 by Leon Johnson vs. Duke, 1995
Opponents: 10 by Ibn Green of Louisville, 1996
MOST CATCHES BY A TIGHT END
Carolina: 10 by Mike Chatham vs. Wake Forest, 1979
Opponents: 9 by Jim Wicks of Virginia, 1974
MOST TOUCHDOWN CATCHES
Carolina: 3 by Mark Smith vs. Miami (Ohio), 1983; Earl Winfield vs. Wake Forest, 1985; Octavus Barnes vs. Ohio, 1995; L.C. Stevens vs. Maryland, 1996; Hakeem Nicks vs. Boston College, 2008; Dyami Brown vs. Virginia, 2019; Tez Walker vs. Miami, 2023
Opponents: 3 by James Milling of Maryland, 1983; Doug Green of Duke, 1985; Clarkston Hines of Duke, 1989; Rod Gardner of Clemson, 2000; Jordan Moore of Duke, 2023
HIGHEST AVERAGE PER CATCH (min. 5 catches)
Carolina: 33.7 (6-202) by Dyami Brown vs. Virginia, 2019; 33.0 (5-165) by Mack Hollins vs. Duke, 2015; 26.4 (8-211) by Octavus Barnes vs. Ohio, 1995
Opponents: 44.0 (5-220) by James Milling of Maryland, 1986
MOST CATCHES BY TWO PLAYERS COMBINED
21 by Josh Downs (11) of Carolina and Antoine Green (10) of Carolina vs. Pitt, 2022
MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY TWO PLAYERS COMBINED
399 by Corey Holliday (149) and Jermaine Lewis (250) of Maryland, 1993

PUNTING

MOST PUNTS
Carolina: 14 by Charles Woollen vs. Georgia Tech, 1933
Opponents: 15 by Buddy Lex of William and Mary, 1948
MOST YARDS ON PUNTS
Carolina: 537 by Steve Streater vs. Pitt, 1979
Opponents: 645 by Buddy Lex of William and Mary, 1948
HIGHEST AVERAGE PER PUNT (min. 10 punts)
Carolina: 51.4 by Brian Schmitz vs. Houston, 1999 (10 for 514)
Opponents: 44.0 by Kenton Beal of Elon, 2012 (10 for 440)
LONGEST PUNT
Carolina: 80 yards by Charlie Justice vs. N.C. State, 1949
Opponents: 71 yards by Fred Folger of Duke, 1948

PUNT RETURNS

MOST RETURNS
Carolina: 9 by Don Jackson vs. Duke, 1934; Don Jackson vs. Virginia, 1935
Opponents: 8 by Bill Hanenburg of Duke, 1972; Carl Platt of South Carolina, 1989; Ledel George of NC State, 1990
MOST YARDS ON PUNT RETURNS
Carolina: 168 by Ryan Switzer vs. Illinois, 2015
Opponents: 115 by Dickie Harris of South Carolina, 1970; Peter Warrick of Florida State, 1999
HIGHEST AVERAGE PER PUNT RETURN (min. 3 returns)
Carolina: 47.3 (3 for 142) by Brandon Tate vs. McNeese, 2008
Opponents: 24.0 (3 for 72) by Mike Stultz of NC State, 1972
MOST TOUCHDOWNS ON PUNT RETURNS
Carolina: 1 on several occasions; most recent 78 yards by Ryan Switzer vs. Miami, 2015
Opponents: 1 on five occasions; most recent 87 yards by T.J. Graham of NC State, 2010
LONGEST PUNT RETURN
Carolina: 96 yards by Johnny Branch vs. Maryland, 1930
Opponents: 87 yards by T.J. Graham of NC State, 2010

KICKOFF RETURNS

MOST RETURNS
Carolina: 8 by Marcus Wall vs. Clemson, 1994
Opponents: 9 by Todd Handley of Idaho, 2012
MOST YARDS ON KICKOFF RETURNS
Carolina: 199 by Anthony Ratliff-Williams vs. Louisville, 2017
Opponents: 230 by Jamal Golden of Georgia Tech, 2012
HIGHEST AVERAGE PER KICKOFF RETURN (min. 3 returns)
Carolina: 49.7 (3 for 149) by Brandon Tate vs. Utah, 2005
Opponents: 46.7 (3 for 140) by Dennis Condie of Maryland, 1960
MOST TOUCHDOWNS ON KICKOFF RETURNS
Carolina: 1 on several occasions; most recent 94 yards by Anthony Ratliff-Williams vs. Louisville, 2017
Opponents: 1 on several occasions; most recent 99 yards by DeVonte Edwards of Duke, 2013

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

MOST PLAYS
Carolina: 47 by Don McCauley vs. Duke, 1970; Mike Voight vs. Duke, 1976
Opponents: 43 by Vintacious Cooper of East Carolina, 2013
MOST YARDS GAINED
Carolina: 397 by Brandon Tate vs. McNeese, 2008
Opponents: 294 by Mike Imoh of Virginia Tech, 2004
MOST YARDS GAINED BY A FRESHMAN
Carolina: 212 by Ryan Switzer vs. Old Dominion, 2013
Opponents: 195 by Todd Handley of Idaho, 2012

SCORING

MOST POINTS
Carolina: 36 by Kelvin Bryant vs. East Carolina, 1981
Opponents: 30 by Reggie Gallaspy of NC State, 2018
MOST TOUCHDOWNS
Carolina: 6 by Kelvin Bryant vs. East Carolina, 1981
Opponents: 5 by Reggie Gallaspy of NC State, 2018
MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY A FRESHMAN
Carolina: 4 by Leon Johnson vs. UTEP, 1993
Opponents: 2 by Stacie Gresham of Wake Forest, 1993
MOST PATS
Carolina: 9 by Casey Barth vs. Idaho, 2012; Nick Weiler vs. Duke, 2015
Opponents: 8 by Nick Novak of Maryland, 2002; Chris Tanner of Georgia Tech, 2012
MOST POINTS SCORED BY KICKING
Carolina: 21 by Noah Burnette vs. Duke, (2023) (6 FGs and 3 PATs)
Opponents: 16 by Wilson Hoyle of Wake Forest, 1987; Nelson Welch of Clemson, 1994; Chris Gould of Virginia, 2007

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FIELD GOALS

MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED
Carolina: 6 (made 4) by Freeman Jones vs. Virginia Tech, 2018; 6 (made 4) by Clint Gwaltney vs. Maryland, 1990; 6 (made 6) by Josh McGee vs. Duke, 1999; 6 (made 6) by Noah Burnette vs. Duke, 2023
Opponents: 5 by five players; most recent by Chris Gould (made 5) of Virginia, 2007
MOST FIELD GOALS MADE
Carolina: 6 by Josh McGee vs. Duke, 1999 (6 atts.); Noah Burnette vs. Duke, 2023
Opponents: 5 by Wilson Hoyle of Wake Forest, 1987 (5 atts.); by Nelson Welch of Clemson, 1994 (5 atts.), by Chris Gould of Virginia, 2007 (5 atts.)
MOST FIELD GOALS BY A FRESHMAN
Carolina: 3 by Kenny Miller vs. Maryland, 1984; Connor Barth vs. NC State, 2004; Casey Barth vs. Notre Dame, 2008
Opponents: 3 by Scott McKinney of Duke, 1978
LONGEST FIELD GOAL
Carolina: 54 yards by Kenny Miller vs. Florida State, 1985; by Connor Barth vs. NC State, 2006
Opponents: 56 yards by Damon Hartman of NC State, 1990

INTERCEPTIONS

MOST INTERCEPTIONS
Carolina: 3 by Steve Streater vs. Duke, 1980; by Dré Bly vs. Georgia Tech, 1996; by Kendric Burney vs. Miami, 2009
Opponents: 2 on many occasions; most recent by Tracy Howard of Miami, 2013
MOST YARDS ON INTERCEPTION RETURNS
Carolina: 170 by Kendric Burney vs. Miami, 2009* (later vacated due to NCAA penalty)
Opponents: 83 by Bob Lebby of Duke, 1970
MOST TOUCHDOWNS ON INTERCEPTION RETURNS
Carolina: 1 on many occasions; most recent 58 yards by Dominquie Green vs. The Citadel, 2016
Opponents: 1 on many occasions; most recent 33 yards by Jahfari Harvey of Miami, 2021

TEAM

TOTAL OFFENSE

MOST PLAYS
Carolina: 102 vs. Virginia, 1959
Opponents: 101 by East Carolina, 2013
MOST YARDS GAINED
Carolina: 742 vs. Wake Forest, 2020
Opponents: 705 by Louisville, 2017
MOST YARDS GAINED, BOTH TEAMS
1,348 vs. Wake Forest, 2020 (Carolina 742, Wake Forest 606)
FEWEST PLAYS
Carolina: 27 vs. Wake Forest, 1944
Opponents: 25 by Virginia, 1935
FEWEST YARDS
Carolina: 31 vs. Wake Forest, 1944
Opponents: 6 by VMI, 1935
FEWEST YARDS GAINED, BOTH TEAMS
254 vs. NC State, 1939 (Carolina 132, NC State 122)

RUSHING

MOST RUSHES
Carolina: 82 vs. NC State, 1961; vs. Clemson, 1969
Opponents: 77 by Notre Dame, 1953; by Oklahoma, 1955; by NC State, 1978
MOST RUSHES, BOTH TEAMS
125 vs. East Carolina, 1975 (Carolina 65, East Carolina 60)
MOST YARDS GAINED
Carolina: 482 vs. The Citadel, 1939
Opponents: 490 by Notre Dame, 1953
MOST YARDS GAINED, BOTH TEAMS
720 vs. Duke, 1976 (Carolina 369, Duke 351)
FEWEST YARDS GAINED
Carolina: minus 28 vs. Florida State, 1997
Opponents: minus 33 by Virginia, 1935
FEWEST YARDS GAINED, BOTH TEAMS
21 vs. Louisville, 1996 (Carolina 20, Louisville 1)
MOST TOUCHDOWNS SCORED BY RUSHING
Carolina: 8 vs. East Carolina, 1981
Opponents: 7 by Georgia Tech, 2012

PASSING

MOST ATTEMPTS
Carolina: 54 vs. LSU, 1985
Opponents: 59 by Arizona State, 2003
MOST ATTEMPTS, BOTH TEAMS
99 vs. NC State, 2012 (Carolina 47, NC State 52)
FEWEST ATTEMPTS
Carolina: 0 vs. Navy, 1957
Opponents: 0 by VPI, 1938
FEWEST ATTEMPTS, BOTH TEAMS
1 vs. VPI, 1938 (Carolina 1, VPI 0)
MOST COMPLETIONS
Carolina: 38 vs. Georgia Tech, 2014
Opponents: 40 by Virginia, 2021
MOST PASSES COMPLETED, BOTH TEAMS
61 vs. East Carolina, 2013 (Carolina 29, East Carolina 32); vs. Wake Forest, 2020 (Carolina 32, Wake Forest 29)
FEWEST PASSES COMPLETED
Carolina: 0 on five occasions; most recent vs. Navy, 1957
Opponents: 0 on several occasions; most recent by Wake Forest, 1971
FEWEST PASSES COMPLETED, BOTH TEAMS
0 vs. Wake Forest, 1942
MOST YARDS GAINED
Carolina: 550 vs. Wake Forest, 2020
Opponents: 553 by Virginia, 2021
MOST YARDS GAINED, BOTH TEAMS
979 vs. Wake Forest, 2020 (Carolina 550, Wake Forest 429)
FEWEST YARDS GAINED
Carolina: 0 on five occasions; most recent vs. Navy, 1957
Opponents: 0 on several occasions; most recent by Wake Forest, 1971
FEWEST YARDS GAINED, BOTH TEAMS
0 vs. Wake Forest, 1942
MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED
Carolina: 8 vs. Vanderbilt, 1932
Opponents: 6 by Duke, 1972
MOST TOUCHDOWNS ON INTERCEPTION RETURNS
Carolina: 2 vs. Tulane, 1994; vs. Miami, 2009
Opponents: 1 on several occasions; most recent by Virginia Tech, 2006
MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES
Carolina: 6 vs. Wake Forest, 2020
Opponents: 5 by Maryland, 1993; by NC State, 2012; by Wake Forest, 2021

PUNTING

MOST PUNTS
Carolina: 19 vs. NC State, 1932
Opponents: 17 by NC State, 1932
MOST YARDS ON PUNTS
Carolina: 775 vs. Wake Forest, 1942
Opponents: 656 by Wake Forest, 1938
HIGHEST AVERAGE PER PUNT (min. 10 punts)
Carolina: 51.4 (10-514) vs. Houston, 1999
Opponents: 44.0 (10-440) by Elon, 2012

PUNT RETURNS

MOST PUNT RETURNS
Carolina: 13 vs. NC State, 1932
Opponents: 13 by Tennessee, 1936
MOST YARDS ON PUNT RETURNS
Carolina: 225 vs. VMI, 1935
Opponents: 151 by Florida State, 1999
HIGHEST AVERAGE PER PUNT RETURN (min. 5 returns)
Carolina: 33.6 (5-168) vs. Illinois, 2015
Opponents: 25.2 (6-151) by Florida State, 1999
MOST TOUCHDOWNS ON PUNT RETURNS
Carolina: 2 vs. Wake Forest, 1933; vs. VMI, 1935; vs. Tulane, 1993 (two blocked punt recoveries)
Opponents: 1 on five occasions; most recent by NC State, 2010

KICKOFF RETURNS

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS
Carolina: 11 vs. Georgia Tech, 2012
Opponents: 11 by Old Dominion, 2013
MOST YARDS ON KICKOFF RETURNS
Carolina: 267 vs. Georgia Tech, 2012
Opponents: 230 by Georgia Tech, 2012
HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN PER KICKOFF RETURN (min. 3 returns)
Carolina: 49.7 vs. Utah (3 for 149), 2005
Opponents: 51.0 by Virginia (3 for 153), 1963
MOST TOUCHDOWNS ON KICKOFF RETURNS
Carolina: 1 on several occasions; most recent vs. Louisville, 2017
Opponents: 1 on five occasions; most recent by Duke, 2013

SCORING

MOST POINTS
Carolina: 80 vs. Old Dominion, 2013
Opponents: 70 by James Madison, 2024
MOST POINTS IN ONE QUARTER
Carolina: 35 vs. Old Dominion (2nd), 2013; vs. Western Carolina (2nd), 2017
Opponents: 30 by Georgia Tech (3rd), 2012
MOST POINTS IN ONE HALF
Carolina: 49 vs. Old Dominion (1st), 2013
Opponents: 49 by James Madison (1st), 2024
MOST POINTS SCORED, BOTH TEAMS
118 vs. Georgia Tech, 2012 (Carolina 50, Georgia Tech 68)
MOST TOUCHDOWNS
Carolina: 11 vs. Old Dominion, 2013
Opponents: 9 by Georgia Tech, 2012
MOST PATS SCORED BY KICKING
Carolina: 11 vs. Old Dominion, 2013
Opponents: 9 by Georgia Tech, 2012
MOST FIELD GOALS
Carolina: 6 vs. Duke, 1999; vs. Duke, 2023
Opponents: 5 by Wake Forest, 1987; by Clemson, 1994; by Virginia, 2007
LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN
Carolina: 66 (66-0) vs. Idaho, 2012
Opponents: 52 (59-7) by Maryland, 2002

FIRST DOWNS

MOST FIRST DOWNS
Carolina: 36 vs. Pitt, 1974
Opponents: 37 by Duke, 1989
MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING
Carolina: 27 vs. William & Mary, 1971
Opponents: 29 by Notre Dame, 1953
MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING
Carolina: 19 vs. Maryland, 1996; vs. Georgia Tech, 2014
Opponents: 24 by Wake Forest, 1993; by Virginia, 2021
MOST FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY
Carolina: 6 vs. Maryland, 1980
Opponents: 6 by Duke, 1980; by Notre Dame, 2022
FEWEST FIRST DOWNS
Carolina: 1 vs. Duke, 1932; vs. Wake Forest, 1944
Opponents: 0 by Wake Forest, 1932

TURNOVERS AND PENALTIES

MOST FUMBLES
Carolina: 11 vs. Wake Forest, 1952 (lost 6)
Opponents: 11 by Florida, 1968
MOST FUMBLES LOST
Carolina: 8 vs. Virginia Tech, 1938
Opponents: 8 by Washington & Lee, 1953; by Florida, 1968
MOST TOTAL TURNOVERS
Carolina: 9 vs. Miami (Ohio), 2002 (6 lost fumbles and 3 interceptions)
Opponents: 8 by Washington & Lee, 1953; by Florida, 1968; by Clemson, 1969
MOST PLAYS IN A GAME WITHOUT A TURNOVER
Carolina: 84 vs. NC State, 2020
Opponents: 86 by James Madison, 2016
MOST TURNOVERS IN A WIN
Carolina: 8 vs. Virginia, 1939 (19-0)
Opponents: 6 by Michigan, 1965 (31-24); by Florida State, 1985 (20-10)
MOST PENALTIES AGAINST
Carolina: 16 vs. NC Central, 2024
Opponents: 16 by Arizona State, 2003; by Florida State, 2009
MOST YARDS PENALIZED
Carolina: 147 vs. Miami, 2023
Opponents: 153 by Arizona State, 2003
FEWEST PENALTIES
Carolina: 0 vs. Georgia, 1931; vs. Wake Forest, 1944; vs. Wake Forest, 1969
Opponents: 0 by Clemson, 1961; by Bowling Green, 1982

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DRAKE MAYE #10

The 2022 ACC Player of the Year, Drake Maye was one of the most productive and decorated quarterbacks in UNC history. Maye was only the second player in ACC history to be named ACC Player of the Year, ACC Offensive Player of the Year, ACC Rookie of the Year and ACC Offensive Rookie of the Year in the same season. A National Freshman of the Year and two-time All-ACC performer, he finished his career having thrown for 8,018 yards and 63 TDs, while rushing for 1,209 yards and 16 TDs.

DANNY TALBOTT #10

A star quarterback from 1964-66 and the 1965 ACC Player of the Year under head coach Jim Hickey, Talbott led the league in total offense and scoring that season. He had 318 yards of total offense in one game against Georgia, at the time a school record.

ETHAN HORTON #12

The Associated Press ACC Player of the Year as a senior, Horton rushed for 1,247 yards in 1984 after a 1,107-yard performance in 1983. He was named the game's co-MVP in UNC's 1981 Gator Bowl win over Arkansas and was the MVP of the 1982 Sun Bowl.

AMOS LAWRENCE #20

The only ACC player and one of only seven players in college football history to rush for 1,000 yards in four consecutive seasons, Lawrence holds the UNC career record and is second in ACC history with 4,391 yards rushing. He rushed for more than 100 yards in a game on 25 occasions and his 286 yards rushing vs. Virginia in 1977 was an NCAA freshman rushing record at the time. Lawrence was named the co-MVP in the 1979 Gator Bowl and was the MVP of the 1980 Bluebonnet Bowl.

CHARLIE JUSTICE #22

One of the most famous and popular athletes in the history of the state, Justice was a consensus All-America and twice runner-up for the Heisman Trophy. During his four seasons, 1946-49, Carolina went to the Sugar Bowl twice and the Cotton Bowl. A single-wing tailback, he still holds many of the school's total offense records. In addition, he was a sensational punter and kick returner. He was the 1948 National Player of the Year.

DON McCAULEY #23

The ACC Player of the Year as a junior and senior and a consensus All-America in 1970, his final season, McCauley was the first of Carolina's 23 backs to rush for 1,000 yards. He twice led the ACC in rushing, with 1,092 yards in 1969 and 1,720 in 1970. That latter total broke O.J. Simpson's single-season NCAA record. He also led the nation in all-purpose running as a senior and his 126 points that year still is the league record.

IRV HOLDASH #25

While Carolina's football fortunes slipped in the years immediately following the Charlie Justice era, Holdash still received national attention for his outstanding play. A center on offense and linebacker on defense, Holdash was a three-year regular who never missed a game during his varsity career. He perhaps sealed All-America honors in 1950 with a sensational performance in a 14-7 loss at Notre Dame. Irish quarterback Bobby Williams called him "the best I've played against."

DRÉ BLY #31

The Chesapeake, Virginia, native is the only player in Atlantic Coast Conference history to earn first-team All-America honors in three different seasons. Bly became the first freshman defensive player in college football history to earn consensus first-team All-America honors in 1996. When he repeated consensus honors in 1997, he became the first two-time consensus All-America in UNC football history. In 1998, he set the all-time ACC record for interceptions with 20 and was named first-team All-America by the Walter Camp Foundation. Bly led the nation as a freshman with 11 interceptions in the regular season and added two more pass thefts in the Gator Bowl win over West Virginia. Bly was named first-team All-America in 1996 by the Associated Press, The Sporting News, the Football Writers and the Walter Camp Foundation. In 1997, Bly added five more interceptions and was named All-America by the Associated Press, the Walter Camp Foundation, the Football Writers and Football News.

BRIAN SIMMONS #41

An outside linebacker from 1994-97, Simmons was a major contributor in Carolina's rise to the Top 10 in his final two seasons. A first-round draft selection of the Cincinnati Bengals in '97, Simmons had 317 tackles over his last three seasons. He was named first-team All-America as a senior by the Associated Press, Walter Camp Foundation and Football News and was a first-team All-ACC selection and second-team AP All-America as a junior. The New Bern, North Carolina, native finished his career with 36 tackles for losses and 11 sacks.

KELVIN BRYANT #44

A three-time first-team All-ACC tailback, Bryant ranks fourth at UNC with 3,267 rushing yards. He had three consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons from 1980-82. Despite injuries, he had 1,015 yards in seven games in 1981. He rushed for more than 100 yards in a game on 19 occasions and scored six touchdowns in a game against East Carolina in 1981. Bryant holds the NCAA record for most touchdowns scored in two and three consecutive games (11 and 15, respectively). He played eight years of professional football.

MIKE VOIGHT #44

A hard-running tailback from 1973-76 who was the ACC Player of the Year as both a junior and senior, Voight is second in Carolina history in rushing with 3,971 yards and fifth in scoring with 254 points. He had three 1,000-yard seasons and twice was the top ground-gainer in the ACC. In 1976 he scored 110 points and ran for 1,407 yards, including 261 in his final game — a dramatic 39-38 shootout with Duke.

BILL SUTHERLAND #46

A blocking back on the 1946 Sugar Bowl team, whose number has been retired. He died in an auto accident after his freshman year, stunning his teammates and Coach Carl Snavely. Sutherland was named one of the Tar Heels' three captains for what would have been his sophomore season and Snavely worked to ensure that his number would be retired.

JULIUS PEPPERS #49

A unanimous All-America selection in 2001, Peppers won the 2001 Lombardi Award as the nation's top lineman. He also won the Chuck Bednarik Award as the nation's top overall defensive player, earned All-America honors in 2000 and was a two-time first-team All-ACC selection. Peppers ranks second at UNC and sixth in the ACC in career sacks, despite playing just three seasons. He led the nation with 15 sacks as a junior. One of the top two-sport athletes in ACC history, Peppers was a forward on UNC's basketball team, helping the Tar Heels advance to the 2000 Final Four and earn a share of the 2001 ACC regular season title.

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ART WEINER #50

An outstanding two-way end from 1946-49, whose number has been retired. Weiner won All-America honors in 1948 and 1949 and was the nation's leading receiver as a senior. He teamed with the legendary Charlie Justice to form perhaps the most potent offensive duo in school history. Voted the top lineman in the Senior Bowl, Weiner is a member of the National Football Hall of Fame. He is still ninth in UNC receptions with 106.

ANDY BERSHAK #59

A great two-way end from 1935-37 who was a consensus All-America in 1937. His number also has been retired. Bershak was a brilliant defender and his team's top receiver. In addition, he was a starter on the basketball team and an honor student. Bershak was selected to the Order of the Golden Fleece and served as president of the Carolina Athletic Association.

BRIAN BLADOS #60

When two Carolina tailbacks ran for over 1,000 yards in 1983, much of that yardage came behind Blados. The 6-foot-6, 305-pound left tackle dominated the line of scrimmage as Carolina set a school total offense record and finished seventh nationally in yardage. Blados was named on 90 of 100 ballots in voting for the All-Atlantic Coast Conference team. He was a first round choice by the Cincinnati Bengals in the NFL Draft.

RON RUSNAK #62

An offensive guard on three bowl teams from 1970-72 who won unanimous All-America honors in his senior season. At 6-foot-2, 220 pounds, Rusnak wasn't as big as some linemen, but had great technique. He was the cornerstone of the offensive front on the 1972 team, which went 11-1. Rusnak was a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference choice on teams which combined had a 20-4 record. He won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy in 1972 as the best blocker in the ACC.

JONATHAN COOPER #64

A consensus first-team All-America as a senior in 2012, Jonathan Cooper is one of the most decorated offensive linemen in UNC history. Cooper won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the ACC's best blocker and was named one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy. A three-time All-ACC selection, Cooper was the No. 7 overall pick in the 2013 NFL Draft.

HARRIS BARTON #67

Barton was a four-year starter for the Tar Heels, first at center and then at tackle. With so many teams playing even-man front defenses, Barton was moved to tackle in 1984 to take better advantage of his skills. He excelled at left tackle, the key blocking spot in the Carolina passing game. As a senior, he led an offensive line which helped the Tar Heels rank first in the Atlantic Coast Conference and sixth nationally in total offense. An excellent student, he was chosen for a post-graduate scholarship by the National Football Foundation and was a first-round selection in the NFL draft.

KEN HUFF #68

A three-year starter at offensive guard from 1972-74 and a consensus All-America as a senior, Huff was a dynamic blocker at 6-foot-4 and 250 pounds. He was the key figure on the 1974 line which helped Carolina boast a pair of 1,000-yard backs and lead the ACC in total offense, rushing and scoring. Led by Huff, UNC accumulated 4,691 yards, at the time a school record. The Tar Heels were fifth nationally in total offense and ninth in scoring that season. Huff won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the best blocker in the Atlantic Coast Conference and was the third player selected overall in the 1974 NFL Draft by the Baltimore Colts.

DEE HARDISON #71

A defensive tackle from 1974-77 and a consensus All-America as a senior, Hardison was the star of one of Carolina's greatest defenses in his final year. He dominated the line of scrimmage all season long as the Tar Heels led the nation in scoring defense in 1977, giving up just 7.4 points a game. Carolina also topped the ACC in total, rushing and pass defense that year. No team would lead the league in all four again until Florida State in its 1993 national championship season.

MARCUS JONES #71

A defensive end/tackle from 1992-95 who was a consensus All-America and the ACC Defensive Player of the Year as a senior, Jones had 24 career quarterback sacks to break Lawrence Taylor's school record. A two-time first-team All-ACC selection, Jones led a Tar Heel defense which had the ACC's No. 1 rated total defense in 1995. He finished his career with 222 tackles, including 46 for losses. Jones helped Carolina to four straight bowl invitations and wins in the 1993 Peach and 1995 Carquest Bowls.

BOB LACEY #85

Lacey led the Atlantic Coast Conference in receiving in 1963 with 48 catches for 533 yards. His pass-catching was a key factor as Carolina rolled to a 9-2 record, defeating Air Force, 35-0, in the Gator Bowl. Lacey was also the team's top receiver in 1962 with 44 catches. He was the first Tar Heel player to have at least 40 catches in two seasons. His career total of 102 receptions is the 10th-best in school history.

GREG ELLIS #87

A defensive end from 1994-97, Ellis is UNC's all-time leader in quarterback sacks. The Wendell, N.C., native had 32.5 sacks for 253 yards in his career. He anchored a defense that was second in the country in total yards in each of his final two seasons. Carolina posted a 21-3 record in that span and had consecutive Top 10 finishes in the polls. Ellis is one of only four players in Carolina football history to be named first-team All-ACC three times. He was voted by his teammates as a team captain and the best overall senior. He was the eighth selection in the first round of the 1998 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys.

PAUL SEVERIN #87

Severin was a two-time All-America selection by the Associated Press (1939 and 1940) and made most of the all-star teams in his senior season. His career was filled with big plays — a touchdown catch to tie Tulane in 1939, two scoring catches against Penn that same season and a touchdown-saving tackle from behind of Duke's great Steve Lach in a 6-3 win over the Blue Devils in 1940.

WILLIAM FULLER #95

A defensive lineman from 1980-83, Fuller was a consensus All-America as a senior. Also honored as a first-team All-America as a junior, he is one of only six Tar Heel players to be named first-team All-America twice. Fuller, who utilized his tremendous quickness to slice through offensive lines, had 22 tackles for losses in both 1981 and 1983. He is one of only three defensive linemen ever to make the All-ACC team three times.

LAWRENCE TAYLOR #98

An outside linebacker from 1977-80 who is regarded as the greatest player of all time at that position, Taylor was a consensus All-America and the ACC Player of the Year in 1980. He had a Carolina-record 16 quarterback sacks that season for losses totaling 127 yards. Sparked by his play, the Tar Heels went 11-1 in 1980 and won the ACC championship.

GEORGE BARCLAY #99

A guard and linebacker from 1932-34, whose number is retired. He was the school's first football All-America and is a member of the state of North Carolina's Sports Hall of Fame. A guard and linebacker at 5-foot-11, 185 pounds, Barclay was a standout for three seasons under coaches Chuck Collins and Carl Snavely. A tremendous blocker and ferocious tackler, he was captain of the 1934 team that went 7-1-1. Barclay later served as UNC's head coach from 1953-55.

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GEORGE BARCLAY
GUARD, 1934

Barclay was Carolina's first football All-America. The 5-foot-11, 185-pound guard and linebacker was a three-year standout for Chuck Collins and Carl Snavely. A fine blocker and an extraordinary tackler, Barclay lined up in the offensive interior next to tackle Jim Tatum. He was captain of the 1934 team which went 7-1-1. Barclay later served as head coach at Carolina for three seasons, from 1953 to 1955.

ANDY BERSHAK
END, 1937

A 185-pound end, Bershak was a two-way performer for the Tar Heels. He was a fine receiver, but was even better on defense. He played two years for Carl Snavely and one for Ray Wolf. Bershak, an honor student, was also a basketball starter. He was selected to the Order of the Golden Fleece and served as president of the Carolina Athletic Association.

STEVE MARONIC
TACKLE, 1938

Maronic was a two-way tackle for the Tar Heels and team co-captain in 1938. He was an "iron man," playing almost 60 minutes in every game that season. He turned in two of his best performances in front of the New York media against NYU at Yankee Stadium and Fordham at the Polo Grounds. Those games solidified his All-America chances. Maronic also was a place-kicker and hit 13 straight PATs in his final season.

PAUL SEVERIN
END, 1939-40

Severin was a two-time All-America selection by the Associated Press (1939 and 1940) and made most of the all-star teams in his senior season. His career was filled with big plays—a touchdown catch to tie Tulane in 1939, two scoring catches against Penn that same season and a touchdown-saving tackle from behind of Duke's great Steve Lach in a 6-3 win over the Blue Devils in 1940.

CHARLIE JUSTICE
HALFBACK, 1948-49

Twice a runner-up for the Heisman Trophy, Justice is rated by many as the best all-around player in the history of Southern football. He was a true triple-threat performer, leading Carolina in rushing, passing and punting from 1946 to 1949. He sparked Tar Heel teams which appeared in the Sugar Bowl twice and the Cotton Bowl once. He was the school's all-time total offense leader with 4,883 yards for more than 40 years and still ranks as the Tar Heels' sixth-leading career scorer, eighth-leading rusher and 20th-leading passer. He had a career punting average of 42.6 and averaged 14.2 yards on punt returns and 26.6 yards on kickoff returns. In 1948 he received the national player of the year award from the Washington Touchdown Club and was the recipient of the Walter Camp Memorial Trophy. Justice is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

KEN POWELL
DEFENSIVE END, 1949

Powell teamed with Art Weiner to give UNC a formidable pass receiving threat in the post-World War II "Justice Era." He was outstanding in the 1947 Sugar Bowl against Georgia and earned first-team All-America honors at defensive end in 1949 by NEA. That organization named Powell to its All-America Team on defense, the first time it selected All-Americas on both offense and defense. He finished his career with 23 receptions for 324 yards and three touchdowns.

ART WEINER
END, 1948-49

A great all-around end, Weiner led the nation in receiving in 1949 with 52 catches. He had been seventh nationally in receiving the previous year with 31 catches. Until 1997 he held the UNC career record with 18 touchdown receptions. Many remember him best for a game-saving defensive play on the last snap of the 1949 Duke game. Weiner was named the most outstanding lineman in the Senior Bowl. Weiner was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1992.

IRV HOLDASH
CENTER, 1950

While Carolina's football fortunes slipped in the years immediately following the Charlie Justice Era, Holdash still received national attention for his outstanding play. A center on offense and linebacker on defense, Holdash was a three-year regular who never missed a game during his varsity career. He perhaps sealed All-America honors in 1950 with a sensational performance in a 14-7 loss at Notre Dame. Irish quarterback Bobby Williams called him "the best I've played against."

AL GOLDSTEIN
END, 1958

An outstanding two-way end, Goldstein earned All-America honors in 1958 by making 24 catches for 490 yards, averaging an amazing 20.4 yards per reception. Adept at making the seemingly impossible catch, he had a 68-yard TD reception at Virginia. He also starred defensively and had a 46-yard interception return for a touchdown against Maryland.

BOB LACEY
END, 1963

Lacey led the Atlantic Coast Conference in receiving in 1963 with 48 catches for 533 yards. His pass-catching was a key factor as Carolina rolled to a 9-2 record, defeating Air Force, 35-0, in the Gator Bowl. Lacey was also the team's top receiver in 1962 with 44 catches. He was the first Tar Heel to have at least 40 catches in two seasons. His career total of 102 receptions is the 10th-best in school history.

DON McCAULEY
HALFBACK, 1970

McCauley shattered the Carolina and the Atlantic Coast Conference record books with a dazzling senior season in 1970. He rushed for 1,720 yards and scored 21 touchdowns, setting marks which still stand. His 1,720 yards was an all-time collegiate high at the time, breaking O.J. Simpson's NCAA record. McCauley led the nation in all-purpose running that season. He was twice the ACC Player of the Year and still ranks fifth in career rushing at UNC. He had a lengthy professional career with the Baltimore Colts. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2002.

RON RUSNAK
OFFENSIVE GUARD, 1972

Rusnak was a unanimous All-America selection in 1972 as Carolina posted an 11-1 record. At 6-2 and 220 pounds, he did not have the size to play professional football, but Rusnak was a great college player. He was a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference choice, starting on teams which combined for a 20-4 record. In 1972 he won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the best blocker in the ACC.

KEN HUFF
OFFENSIVE GUARD, 1974

Huff was a key man on one of the most explosive units in Carolina history. He was the leader of an offensive line which helped the Tar Heels accumulate 4,691 yards, at the time a school record, in 1974. The 6-foot-4, 255-pound Huff won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the best blocker in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Sparked in great part by his play up front, the Tar Heels had two backs rush for over 1,000 yards in the same season. Huff was the third player selected in the NFL Draft by the Baltimore Colts.

CHARLES WADDELL
TIGHT END, 1974

Waddell rates as one of the best all-around athletes in Carolina history. He won three football letters, two in basketball and one in track. Not only was he a fine receiver at tight end, but he was also a dynamic blocker. He set a school single-game record in 1974 with three touchdown catches against Clemson. He had 41 career catches for 518 yards and seven TDs. His professional career was cut short by a knee injury.

DEE HARDISON
DEFENSIVE TACKLE, 1977

A two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection, Hardison played on one of the top defensive teams in Carolina history. UNC led the nation in scoring defense in 1977, giving up just 7.4 points a game. The Tar Heels led the ACC in total, rushing, passing and scoring defense. A big reason was the play of Hardison, a 6-foot-3, 252-pound tackle who dominated the line of scrimmage all season. After leaving Carolina he began a lengthy NFL career with the Buffalo Bills.

RICKY BARDEN
DEFENSIVE BACK, 1979

One of the top defensive backs in Carolina history, Barden was a repeat All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection in 1978 and 1979. Barden made nine career interceptions. He started at cornerback for two years and then was shifted to strong safety for his final year where he broke up nine passes and was the third-leading tackler on the team. His 156 yards on interception returns are the third-most in school history.

LAWRENCE TAYLOR
OUTSIDE LINEBACKER, 1980

From midway in his junior season until the end of his senior year in 1980, Taylor dominated the football field as few defensive players ever had. Now regarded as the finest outside linebacker in the history of the game, Taylor had a remarkable senior season which featured a school-record 16 quarterback sacks and six other tackles for losses. In Carolina's only close games in an 11-1 season, Taylor made the game-saving defensive plays against Texas Tech and Clemson. He was a runaway selection as ACC Player of the Year.

RON WOOTEN
OFFENSIVE GUARD, 1980

Wooten won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy in 1980 as the best blocker in the Atlantic Coast Conference. He was the leading vote-getter in the offensive line on the All-ACC team. He was one of the leaders of an offensive line which helped the Tar Heels lead the ACC in total offense and which also helped produce two 1,000-yard backs. He went on to become a starting guard with New England in the NFL.

DAVID DRECHSLER
OFFENSIVE GUARD, 1981-82

Drechsler became Carolina's first two-time All-America since Charlie Justice and Art Weiner when he earned first-team honors in 1981 and 1982. He played every position in the offensive interior during his Carolina career, but settled in at guard. The 6-foot-4, 253-pound Drechsler played on Tar Heel teams which were 37-10-1 and were unbeaten in four bowl games. He also was the winner of a postgraduate scholarship from the NCAA. Drechsler went on to become a starter with the Green Bay Packers until a back injury forced him to give up the game.

WILLIAM FULLER
DEFENSIVE TACKLE, 1982-83

Fuller is one of just six Carolina players to win first-team All-America honors twice. Although powerfully built at 6-foot-3 and 250 pounds, Fuller's greatest asset was his quickness. He used that quickness to make 13 tackles for losses and six sacks in 1982 and 17 tackles for losses with five sacks the following year. He was the only unanimous choice on the 1983 All-ACC team and is one of just three defensive linemen ever to make All-ACC for three straight years.

BRIAN BLADOS
OFFENSIVE TACKLE, 1983

When two Carolina tailbacks ran for over 1,000 yards in 1983, much of that yardage came behind Blados. The 6-foot-6, 305-pound left tackle dominated the line of scrimmage as Carolina set a school total offense record and finished seventh nationally in yardage. Blados was named on 90 of 100 ballots in voting for the All-Atlantic Coast Conference team. He was a first round choice by the Cincinnati Bengals in the NFL Draft.

HARRIS BARTON
OFFENSIVE TACKLE, 1986

Barton was a four-year starter for the Tar Heels, first at center and then at tackle. With so many teams playing even-man front defenses, Barton was moved to tackle in 1984 to take better advantage of his skills. He excelled at left tackle, the key blocking spot in the Carolina passing game. As a senior, he led an offensive line which helped the Tar Heels rank first in the Atlantic Coast Conference and sixth nationally in total offense. An excellent student, he was chosen for a post-graduate scholarship by the National Football Foundation and was a first-round selection in the NFL Draft.

PAT CROWLEY
OFFENSIVE GUARD, 1989

Crowley was a standout offensive guard and a leader of the first of Mack Brown's teams. He won first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors in 1987, 1988 and 1989 and became only the second offensive lineman in conference history to win three all-league honors (Virginia's Jim Dombrowski was the other). He started every game in his college career and helped open the way for a pair of 1,000-yard backs (Derrick Fenner in 1986 and Kennard Martin in 1988). He is one of three Tar Heels to be named first-team All-ACC in three seasons.

BRACEY WALKER
FREE SAFETY, 1993

The first Carolina defensive back to ever receive first-team All-America honors by a major organization, Walker burst onto the scene in 1992 when he was one of the stars of the Peach Bowl win over Mississippi State. Walker blocked two punts in that game, returned one of them for a tying touchdown and set up the game-winning interception with a jarring collision. He was the Defensive MVP of the Peach Bowl. In 1993 he led the Tar Heels with 100 tackles and was the co-leading vote-getter on the All-ACC first team defense. He also blocked four more punts, two of which were recovered in the end zone by Carolina, and was named the National Special Teams Player of the Year by Sports Illustrated.

MARCUS JONES
DEFENSIVE TACKLE, 1995

Jones became the first Tar Heel to earn consensus first-team All-America honors since Harris Barton in 1986 and the first defensive lineman since William Fuller in 1982-83. Jones had 25 career sacks and finished with 222 tackles. That included 46 behind the line of scrimmage. He broke Lawrence Taylor's school record for sacks and held that mark until Greg Ellis broke the record in 1997. He was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 1995 and earned first-team All-ACC honors for the second straight season. He became the first Tar Heel defender to repeat all-conference selections since Tim Goad in 1986-87. As a senior he had a career-high 94 tackles, despite facing constant double- and triple-team efforts. He registered an ACC-leading 19 tackles for losses for 74 yards, seven of which were quarterback sacks. He was hampered in the first half of the season by a knee sprain. Over the last five weeks, however, he averaged 10.8 tackles per game and had 16 tackles for losses for 65 yards, including six sacks for 41 yards, and pressured the quarterback 13 times. Quite fittingly, Jones capped his career by sacking Arkansas quarterback Barry Lunney on the Razorbacks' final offensive play in Carolina's 20-10 win in the 1995 Carquest Bowl.

DRÉ BLY
CORNERBACK, 1996-97

The first freshman in ACC history to earn consensus first-team All-America honors, Bly became just the fifth freshman in NCAA history to be named to the Associated Press All-America first team in 1996. He was also a first-team All-America selection by the Walter Camp Football Foundation, the Football Writers Association of America, The Sporting News and Athlon Sports and a finalist for the Thorpe Award as the National Defensive Back of the Year. He earned ACC first-team honors and was the league's Rookie of the Year. He is the only UNC freshman to earn first-team All-America honors. He made two second-half interceptions, broke up two passes and

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had seven tackles against West Virginia in the 1997 Gator Bowl. Bly led the nation in interceptions and interceptions per game. He set an ACC single-season interceptions record with 11, one more than Bob Sullivan of Maryland had in 10 games in 1965. The Chesapeake, Va. native had three multi-interception games. In 1997, Bly became the first player in UNC history to repeat consensus first-team All-America honors. He had five interceptions, including one he returned for a touchdown in a comeback win over Virginia. In 1998, he set the ACC all-time record with his 20th interception (not counting the two he had in the Gator Bowl). He was named first-team All-America by the Walter Camp Foundation. Bly is the only player in ACC history to earn first-team All-America honors on three occasions.

GREG ELLIS
DEFENSIVE END, 1997

A defensive end from 1994-97, Ellis is the Tar Heels' career leader in quarterback sacks. The Wendell, N.C., native had 32.5 sacks for 253 yards in his career. He anchored a defense that was second in the country in total yards allowed in each of his final two seasons. Carolina posted a 21-3 record in that span and had consecutive Top 10 finishes in the polls. Ellis is one of only four players in Carolina football history to be named first-team All-ACC three times. He was voted by his teammates as a team captain and the best overall senior. He was the eighth selection in the first round of the 1998 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys.

BRIAN SIMMONS
OUTSIDE LINEBACKER, 1997

An outside linebacker from 1994-97, Simmons was a major contributor in Carolina's rise to the Top 10 in his final two seasons. A first-round draft selection of the Cincinnati Bengals, Simmons had 317 tackles over his last three seasons. He was named first-team All-America as a senior by the Associated Press, Walter Camp Foundation and Football News and was a first-team All-ACC selection and second-team AP All-America as a junior. The New Bern, N.C., native finished his career with 36 tackles for losses and 11 sacks.

BRIAN SCHMITZ
PUNTER, 1999

Schmitz was named a first-team All-America in 1999 after averaging 47.8 yards per kick, an ACC and UNC record. He led the ACC and ranked second in the nation in punting average. Schmitz also set the ACC career record for punting average at 44.4 yards per kick. He had at least one 50-yard punt in all 11 UNC games in 1999 and 32 kicks of over 50 yards. He had 63 punts of 40 yards or more in 72 attempts on the season. Schmitz and backup punter Derrick DePriest combined to establish an NCAA single-season record for team punting average at 47.7 yards.

JULIUS PEPPERS
DEFENSIVE END, 2000-01

One of the top two-sport athletes in Carolina history, Peppers became the first Tar Heel defensive player to win a national college football award by winning both the Lombardi Award as the nation's top lineman and the Bednarik Award as the nation's top defensive player. In just three seasons, Peppers finished second at Carolina in career sacks and tackles for loss. In 2000, he led the nation with 15 sacks and established a school record with 24 tackles for losses. The following year, Peppers led a defense that finished first in the ACC and 15th in the nation in total defense. He became just the second Tar Heel and the first since Lawrence Taylor to earn unanimous All-America honors. A forward on Carolina's basketball team, Peppers averaged 7.1 points and 4.0 rebounds to help the Tar Heels claim a share of the 2001 regular-season ACC championship. He was the second overall pick in the 2002 NFL Draft by the Carolina Panthers.

JONATHAN COOPER
OFFENSIVE GUARD, 2012

The most decorated offensive lineman in UNC history, Jonathan Cooper was a dominant force at left guard from 2009-12. He earned consensus All-America honors as a senior in 2012. He also captured the ACC Jacobs Blocking Trophy and was one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy, which is presented annually to the nation's top interior lineman. In doing so, he became the first Tar Heel to ever be a finalist for the award. He was a three-time All-ACC selection, earning first-team honors in 2012. A standout student off the field, Cooper earned an honorary postgraduate scholarship from the ACC and was named to the league's All-Academic Team. Cooper finished his career with 48 starts.

RYAN SWITZER
PUNT RETURNER, 2013; ALL-PURPOSE, 2015

In 2013, Ryan Switzer became the first Carolina true freshman in program history to earn first-team All-America honors. Switzer emerged as one of the nation's elite punt returners in his first season at Carolina. The Charleston, W.Va., product tied the NCAA single-season record with five punt return touchdowns. He also became just the second player in NCAA history to return a punt for a score in three consecutive games. Switzer set the UNC single-season record for punt return yards per game at 20.9 with a school-record 502 yards on just 24 returns. He repeated as a first-team All-America selection after an outstanding season as a wideout and punt returner. He tied for the team lead with 55 receptions and returned two punts for touchdowns.

ERIC EBRON
TIGHT END, 2013

Tight end Eric Ebron earned first-team All-America honors from ESPN.com in 2013 after setting single-season school records for receptions (62) and yards (973) by a tight end. His 973 receiving yards are also an ACC record by a tight end.

LANDON TURNER
OFFENSIVE GUARD, 2015

A four-year starter at guard, Landon Turner had an outstanding career at UNC and earned first-team All-America honors as a senior on a team that went 11-3, won the Coastal Division and played in the program's first-ever ACC Championship Game. Turner played in 52 games and made 42 career starts. As a senior, he was named ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week four times and graded out at 90% or better in 11 of 14 contests. A captain in 2015, he led an offensive line that helped pave the way for Carolina to rush for more than 220 yards per game and set more than 50 offensive school records.

CHAZZ SURRATT
LINEBACKER, 2020

The converted quarterback turned standout linebacker earned first-team All-America plaudits in his senior season that saw the program play in the Orange Bowl for the first time. As a senior, Surratt finished with 91 tackles, six sacks, 7.5 tackles for loss and an interception.

OMARION HAMPTON
RUNNING BACK, 2023-24

Running Back Omarion Hampton earned first-team All-America honors from the Walter Camp Football Foundation in 2023 after finishing the regular season ranked fifth in the FBS in rushing yards (1,442) and yards per game (120.17) and ninth in touchdowns (15), total attempts (234) and attempts per game (19.50). In the ACC, Hampton ranked first in rushing attempts (234), rushing yards (1,442), touchdowns (15), attempts per game (19.50) and yards per game (120.17). Hampton was tabbed a First Team American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) All-American and was a second team selection by the Associated Press, Sporting News and Walter Camp in 2024. After recording 10 100-yard rushing games, Hampton was a Doak Walker Award finalist and a first-team All-ACC Selection. Nationally, Hampton ranked second in the FBS in rushing yards (1,660) and yards per game (138.3), third nationally in all-purpose yards (2,033) and tied for 13th in rushing touchdowns (15) at the conclusion of the regular season. He set a new UNC single-season record with his 2,033 all-purpose yards, surpassing Don McCauley's previous mark of 2,021. He also ranks second on the school's single-season list with 1,660 rushing yards, while his 36 career rushing touchdowns rank third in UNC history and his 3,565 career rushing yards rank fourth.

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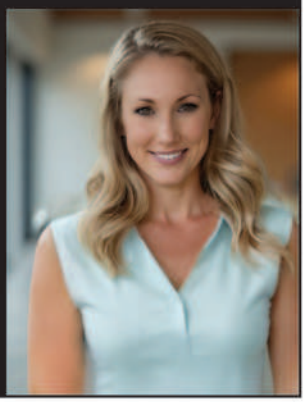

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ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

From 1953-81 the All-ACC Team was selected solely by the Atlantic Coast Sports-writers Association. The Associated Press picked a separate team from 1982-88. The players listed below for those seasons made both teams unless indicated. The ACSWA and AP teams were consolidated in 1989.

1953
Dick Lackey, fullback (2nd)

1954
Will Frye, end (1st)
Jack Maultsby, tackle (2nd)

1955
Will Frye, end (1st)

1956
Jimmy Jones, guard (1st)
Ed Sutton, halfback (1st)

1957
Buddy Payne, end (1st)
Phil Blazer, tackle (1st)

1958
Al Goldstein, end (1st)
Phil Blazer, tackle (1st)
Ronnie Koes, center (1st)
Jack Cummings, quarterback (1st)
Wade Smith, halfback (2nd)
Fred Swearingen, guard (2nd)

1959
Rip Hawkins, center (1st)
Al Goldstein, end (2nd)
Jack Cummings, quarterback (2nd)
Wade Smith, halfback (2nd)

1960
Rip Hawkins, center (1st)
Bob Elliott, fullback (2nd)
John Schroeder, end (2nd)

1961
Jim LeCompte, guard (1st)
Bob Elliott, fullback (1st)
Joe Craver, center (2nd)
Ray Farris, quarterback (2nd)

1962
Bob Lacey, end (1st)
Joe Craver, center (1st)
Ken Willard, fullback (2nd)

1963
Bob Lacey, end (1st)
Ken Willard, halfback (1st)
Chris Hanburger, center (1st)
Junior Edge, quarterback (1st)
Jerry Cabe, guard (2nd)
Co-Coach of the Year – Jim Hickey

1964
Ken Willard, halfback (1st)
Chris Hanburger, center (1st)
Richy Zarro, guard (2nd)

1965
Danny Talbott, quarterback (1st)
Joe Fratangelo, guard (1st)
Ed Stringer, center (1st)
Player of the Year – Danny Talbott

1967
Jack Davenport, defensive back (1st)

1969
Don McCauley, halfback (1st)
Bill Richardson, linebacker (1st)
Judge Mattocks, defensive end (1st)
Ed Chalupka, guard (1st)
Player of the Year – Don McCauley

1970
Don McCauley, halfback (1st)
Paul Hoolahan, offensive tackle (1st)
Flip Ray, defensive tackle (1st)
Player of the Year – Don McCauley

1971
Lewis Jolley, halfback (1st)
Paul Miller, quarterback (1st)
Ron Rusnak, offensive guard (1st)
Bob Thornton, center (1st)
Jerry Sain, offensive tackle (1st)
Bill Brafford, defensive end (1st)
Bud Grissom, defensive tackle (1st)
John Bunting, linebacker (1st)
Ken Craven, kicking specialist (1st)
Coach of the Year – Bill Dooley

1972
Ron Rusnak, offensive guard (1st)
Jerry Sain, offensive tackle (1st)
Mike Mansfield, linebacker (1st)
Jimmy DeRatt, linebacker (1st)
Gene Brown, defensive end (1st)
Eric Hyman, defensive tackle (1st)
Lou Angelo, defensive back (1st)

1973
Robert Pratt, offensive tackle (1st)
Charles Waddell, tight end (1st)
Jimmy DeRatt, linebacker (1st)
Sammy Johnson, halfback (1st)

1974
Ken Huff, offensive guard (1st)
Chris Kupec, quarterback (1st)
Jimmy Jerome, wide receiver (1st)
James Betterson, halfback (1st)
Ronnie Robinson, defensive lineman (1st)

1975
Mike Voight, halfback (1st)
Player of the Year – Mike Voight

1976
Mike Voight, halfback (1st)
Craig Funk, offensive guard (1st)
Dee Hardison, defensive lineman (1st)
Ronny Johnson, defensive back (1st)
Bill Perdue, defensive lineman (1st)
Delbert Powell, return specialist (1st)
Player of the Year – Mike Voight

1977
Dee Hardison, defensive lineman (1st)
Rod Broadway, defensive lineman (1st)
Ken Sheets, defensive lineman (1st)
Buddy Curry, linebacker (1st)
Alan Caldwell, defensive back (1st)
Amos Lawrence, halfback (1st)
Mike Salzano, offensive guard (1st)
Rookie of the Year – Amos Lawrence

1978
Ricky Barden, defensive back (1st)
Bob Loomis, tight end (1st)
Mike Salzano, offensive guard (1st)
Rookie of the Year – Darrell Nicholson

1979
Ricky Barden, defensive back (1st)
Mike Chatham, tight end (1st)
Buddy Curry, linebacker (1st)
Steve Junkmann, offensive tackle (1st)

1980
Kelvin Bryant, halfback (1st)
Rick Donnalley, center (1st)
Amos Lawrence, halfback (1st)
Darrell Nicholson, linebacker (1st)
Steve Streater, defensive back (1st)
Steve Streater, punter (1st)
Lawrence Taylor, defensive lineman (1st)
Donnell Thompson, defensive lineman (1st)
Ron Wooten, offensive guard (1st)
Player of the Year – Lawrence Taylor
Coach of the Year – Dick Crum

1981
Kelvin Bryant, halfback (1st)
David Drechsler, offensive guard (1st)
William Fuller, defensive tackle (1st)
Jeff Hayes, punter (1st)
Greg Poole, defensive back (1st)
Lee Shaffer, linebacker (1st)
Ron Spruill, offensive guard (1st)

1982
Kelvin Bryant, halfback (1st) (AP)
David Drechsler, offensive guard (1st)
William Fuller, defensive tackle (1st)
Willie Harris, defensive back (1st)
Ron Spruill, offensive guard (1st)
Chris Ward, linebacker (1st) (ACSWA)
Mike Wilcher, outside linebacker (1st)

1983
Brian Blados, offensive tackle (1st)
William Fuller, defensive tackle (1st)
Willie Harris, defensive back (1st)
Ethan Horton, halfback (1st)
Mark Smith, wide receiver (1st)

1984
Ethan Horton, halfback (1st)
Micah Moon, linebacker (1st)
Player of the Year – Ethan Horton (AP)

1985
Tommy Barnhardt, punter (1st)
Reuben Davis, defensive lineman (1st)
Larry Griffin, defensive back (1st)
Earl Winfield, wide receiver (1st)

1986
Walter Bailey, defensive back (1st)
Harris Barton, offensive tackle (1st)
Derrick Fenner, halfback (1st)
Tim Goad, defensive lineman (1st)

1987
Carlton Bailey, defensive lineman (1st)
Pat Crowley, offensive guard (1st)
Norris Davis, defensive back (1st)
Tim Goad, defensive lineman (1st)
Brett Rudolph, linebacker (1st) (AP)

1988
Pat Crowley, offensive guard (1st)
Jeff Garnica, center (1st)
Kennard Martin, tailback (1st)
Cecil Gray, defensive lineman (2nd) (AP)

1989
Pat Crowley, offensive guard (1st)
Cecil Gray, defensive lineman (1st)
Dwight Hollier, linebacker (2nd)
Scott McAlister, punter (2nd)

1990
Dwight Hollier, linebacker (1st)
Brian Bollinger, offensive guard (2nd)
Kevin Donnalley, offensive tackle (2nd)
Eric Gash, linebacker (2nd)
Clint Gwaltney, kicking specialist (2nd)
Scott McAlister, punter (2nd)
Tommy Thigpen, linebacker (2nd)

1991
Brian Bollinger, offensive guard (1st)
Natrone Means, tailback (1st)
Tommy Thigpen, inside linebacker (1st)
Eric Gash, outside linebacker (2nd)
Corey Holliday, wide receiver (2nd)
Scott McAlister, punter (2nd)
Thomas Smith, defensive back (2nd)

1992
Natrone Means, tailback (1st)
Randall Parsons, center (1st)
Mike Thomas, punter (1st)
Rondell Jones, defensive back (2nd)
Curtis Parker, offensive tackle (2nd)
Tommy Thigpen, linebacker (2nd)
Bracey Walker, defensive back (2nd)

1993
Ethan Albright, offensive tackle (1st)
Curtis Johnson, tailback (1st)
Bracey Walker, defensive back (1st)
Shawn Hocker, offensive guard (2nd)
Corey Holliday, wide receiver (2nd)
Leon Johnson, tailback (2nd)
Curtis Parker, offensive tackle (2nd)
Jason Stanicek, quarterback (2nd)
Sean Crocker, defensive back (2nd)
Bernardo Harris, outside linebacker (2nd)
Marcus Jones, defensive tackle (2nd)
Austin Robbins, defensive tackle (2nd)
Sean Boyd, defensive back (3rd)
Rick Steinbacher, linebacker (3rd)
Rookie of the Year – Leon Johnson

1994
Greg DeLong, tight end (1st)
Marcus Jones, defensive end (1st)
Leon Johnson, tailback (2nd)
Roge Purgason, offensive tackle (2nd)

1995
Greg Ellis, defensive end (1st)
Freddie Jones, tight end (1st)
Marcus Jones, defensive tackle (1st)
Kivuusama Mays, linebacker (1st)
Octavus Barnes, wide receiver (2nd)
Defensive Player of the Year – Marcus Jones

1996
Dré Bly, defensive back (1st)
Greg Ellis, defensive lineman (1st)
Freddie Jones, tight end (1st)
Leon Johnson, specialist (1st)
Chris Keldorf, quarterback (1st)
Jeff Saturday, center (1st)
Brian Simmons, linebacker (1st)
Omar Brown, defensive back (2nd)
Leon Johnson, tailback (2nd)
Kivuusama Mays, linebacker (2nd)
Rick Terry, defensive lineman (2nd)
Robert Williams, defensive back (2nd)
Rookie of the Year – Dré Bly
Coach of the Year – Mack Brown

1997
Dré Bly, defensive back (1st)
Greg Ellis, defensive lineman (1st)
Vonnie Holliday, defensive lineman (1st)
Kivuusama Mays, linebacker (1st)
Jeff Saturday, offensive lineman (1st)
Robert Williams, defensive back (1st)
Omar Brown, defensive back (2nd)
Alge Crumpler, tight end (2nd)
Jonathan Linton, tailback (2nd)
Brian Simmons, linebacker (2nd)

1998
Dré Bly, defensive back (1st)
Ebenezer Ekuban, defensive line (1st)
Keith Newman, linebacker (2nd)
Brian Schmitz, punter (2nd)
Brandon Spoon, linebacker (2nd)

1999
Brian Schmitz, punter (1st)
Alge Crumpler, tight end (1st)

2000
Alge Crumpler, tight end (1st)
Julius Peppers, defensive end (1st)
Brandon Spoon, linebacker (2nd)
Jeff Reed, place-kicker (2nd)

2001
Julius Peppers, defensive end (1st)
Ryan Sims, defensive tackle (1st)
David Thornton, linebacker (2nd)
Michael Waddell, cornerback (2nd)

2002
Dexter Reid, free safety (1st)

2003
Dexter Reid, free safety (2nd)
Jeb Terry, offensive guard (2nd)

2004
Jason Brown, center (1st)
Kyle Ralph, offensive guard (2nd)

2005
Kyle Ralph, offensive guard (1st)

2007
Kentwan Balmer, defensive tackle (2nd)
Hakeem Nicks, wide receiver (2nd)
Durell Mapp, linebacker (2nd)
Hilee Taylor, defensive end (2nd)

2008
Trimane Goddard, safety (1st)
Hakeem Nicks, wide receiver (1st)
Kendric Burney, cornerback (2nd)
Mark Paschal, linebacker (2nd)
Garrett Reynolds, offensive tackle (2nd)

2009
Kendric Burney, cornerback (1st)
Robert Quinn, defensive end (1st)
Quan Sturdivant, linebacker (1st)
Deunta Williams, safety (1st)
Marvin Austin, defensive tackle (2nd)
Bruce Carter, linebacker (2nd)
Casey Barth, place-kicker (2nd)

2010
Quinton Coples, defensive tackle (1st)
Bruce Carter, linebacker (2nd)
Jonathan Cooper, offensive guard (2nd)

2011
Giovani Bernard, tailback (1st)
Zach Brown, linebacker (1st)
Quinton Coples, defensive tackle (1st)
Jonathan Cooper, offensive guard (2nd)
James Hurst, offensive tackle (2nd)
Dwight Jones, wide receiver (2nd)

2012
Giovani Bernard, tailback & specialist (1st)
Jonathan Cooper, guard (1st)
Kevin Reddick, linebacker (1st)
Sylvester Williams, defensive tackle (1st)
Casey Barth, place-kicker (2nd)
Eric Ebron, tight end (2nd)
Tommy Hibbard, punter (2nd)
James Hurst, offensive tackle (2nd)
Kareem Martin, defensive end (2nd)

2013
Eric Ebron, tight end (1st media; 1st coaches)
James Hurst, offensive tackle (1st media; 2nd coaches)
Kareem Martin, defensive end (1st media; 2nd coaches)
Ryan Switzer, specialist (1st media; 2nd coaches)
Tre Boston, safety (2nd media; 2nd coaches)

2014
Marquise Williams, quarterback (2nd media; 3rd coaches)

Landon Turner, offensive guard (3rd media)
Ryan Switzer, wide receiver (3rd media; 3rd coaches)

2015
Landon Turner, offensive guard (1st media; 1st coaches)
Elijah Hood, tailback (1st media; 2nd coaches)
Mack Hollins, wide receiver (2nd media; 3rd coaches)
Jon Heck, offensive tackle (2nd media; 2nd coaches)
Caleb Peterson, offensive guard (2nd media; 2nd coaches)
Marquise Williams, quarterback (2nd media; 2nd coaches)
Ryan Switzer, specialist (2nd media; 1st coaches)
M.J. Stewart, cornerback (2nd media)
Ryan Switzer, wide receiver (3rd media; 3rd coaches)
Quinshad Davis, wide receiver (3rd media)
Lucas Crowley, center (3rd media; 3rd coaches)
Nazair Jones, defensive tackle (3rd media)
Shakeel Rashad, linebacker (3rd media; 3rd coaches)
Des Lawrence, cornerback (3rd media; 2nd coaches)
Jeff Schoettmer, linebacker (3rd coaches)
Nick Weiler, place-kicker (3rd coaches)

2016
Ryan Switzer, wide receiver (1st media; 1st coaches)
Ryan Switzer, specialist (3rd coaches)
Lucas Crowley, center (2nd media; 2nd coaches)
Jon Heck, offensive tackle (2nd media; 3rd coaches)
Mitch Trubisky, quarterback (3rd media; 3rd coaches)
Elijah Hood, tailback (3rd media; 3rd coaches)
Des Lawrence, cornerback (3rd coaches)
T.J. Logan, specialist (2nd coaches)
Nazair Jones, defensive tackle (3rd media)

2017
Anthony Ratliff-Williams, specialist (1st)
Anthony Ratliff-Williams, wide receiver (3rd)

2018
Cole Holcomb, linebacker (2nd)
Anthony Ratliff-Williams, specialist (1st)
Anthony Ratliff-Williams, wide receiver (3rd)

2019
Dyami Brown, wide receiver (3rd)
Michael Carter, running back (3rd)
Michael Carter, all-purpose (HM)
Aaron Crawford, defensive line (HM)
Myles Dorn, safety (HM)
Charlie Heck, offensive tackle (2nd)
Sam Howell, quarterback (3rd)
Dazz Newsome, wide reciever (2nd)
Jason Strowbridge, defensive line (3rd)
Chazz Surratt, linebacker (1st)
Rookie of the Year – Sam Howell

2020
Michael Carter, running back (1st)
Dyami Brown, wide receiver (1st)
Chazz Surratt, linebacker (1st)
Sam Howell, quarterback (2nd)
Javonte Williams, running back (2nd)
Michael Carter, all-purpose (3rd)
Joshua Ezeudu, offensive guard (3rd)
Brian Anderson, center (HM)
Tomon Fox, linebacker (HM)
Marcus McKethan, offensive guard (HM)
Trey Morrison, safety (HM)
Dazz Newsome, wide receiver (HM)
Jordan Tucker, offensive tackle (HM)
Ray Vohasek, defensive tackle (HM)

2021
Josh Downs, wide receiver (1st)
Ty Chandler, running back (2nd)
Myles Murphy, defensive line (2nd)
Tomon Fox, linebacker (3rd)
Jeremiah Gemmel, linebacker (3rd)
Cam'Ron Kelly, defensive back (3rd)
Joshua Ezeudu, guard (HM)
Tony Grimes, defensive back (HM)
Sam Howell, quarterback (HM)
Marcus McKethan, guard (HM)
Ray Vohasek, defensive tackle (HM)

2022
Drake Maye, quarterback (1st)
Josh Downs, wide receiver (1st)
Cedric Gray, linebacker (1st)
Storm Duck, cornerback (2nd)
Antoine Green, wide receiver (3rd)
Asim Richards, offensive line (3rd)
Ben Kiernan, punter (3rd)
Bryson Nesbit, tight end (HM)
Corey Gaynor, center (HM)
Power Echols, linebacker (HM)
Player of the Year – Drake Maye
Offensive Player of the Year – Drake Maye
Rookie of the Year – Drake Maye
Offensive Rookie of the Year – Drake Maye

2023
Bryson Nesbit, tight end (1st)
Cedric Gray, linebacker (1st)
Drake Maye, quarterback (2nd)
Kaimon Rucker, defensive end (2nd)
Noah Burnette, place kicker (2nd)
Devontez Walker, wide receiver (3rd)
Willie Lampkin, offensive line (3rd)
Power Echols, linebacker (3rd)
Spencer Rolland, offensive line (HM)
Corey Gaynor, offensive line (HM)
Myles Murphy, defensive line (HM)
Alijah Huzzie, safety & special teams (HM)

2024
Omarion Hampton, running back (1st)
Willie Lampkin, offensive line (1st)
Jahvaree Ritzie, defensive line (3rd)
Howard Sampton, offensive line (HM)
Power Echols, linebacker (HM)
Alijah Huzzie, cornerback & special teams (HM)

AWARD WINNERS & NOTABLES

ACC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Danny Talbott 1965
Don McCauley 1969, 1970
Mike Voight 1975, 1976
Lawrence Taylor 1980
Ethan Horton ..... 1984 (AP)
Marcus Jones ..... 1995 (defensive)
Drake Maye ..... 2022 (overall & offensive)

ACC ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

Amos Lawrence 1977
Darrell Nicholson 1978
Leon Johnson 1993
Dré Bly 1996
Deunta Williams ..... 2007 (defensive)
Sam Howell ..... 2019 (overall & offensive)
Drake Maye ..... 2022 (overall & offensive)

ACC COACHES OF THE YEAR

Jim Hickey 1963
Bill Dooley 1971
Dick Crum 1980
Mack Brown 1996

THREE-TIME FIRST-TEAM ALL-ACC HONORS

William Fuller, defensive tackle 1981-82-83
Pat Crowley, offensive guard 1987-88-89
Greg Ellis, defensive end 1995-96-97
Dré Bly, cornerback 1996-97-98

JACOBS BLOCKING TROPHY (ACC's Most Outstanding Blocker)

1935 Herman Snyder, back
1937 George Watson, back
1942 Mike Cooke, quarterback
1961 Jim LeCompte, guard
1964 Eddie Kesler, fullback
1971 Geof Hamlin, fullback
1972 Ron Rusnak, guard
1974 Ken Huff, guard
1980 Ron Wooten, guard
1988 Jeff Garnica, center
2012 Jonathan Cooper, guard
2024 Willie Lampkin, guard

BRIAN PICCOLO AWARD (ACC's Most Courageous)

1970 Paul Miller, quarterback
1971 Jim Webster, linebacker
1985 Danny Burmeister, defensive back
2008 Robert Quinn, defensive end
2011 Giovani Bernard, tailback

ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE (1921-53)

North Carolina was a member of the Southern Conference before joining the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1953.

1933 George Barclay, guard (1st)
1934 Charlie Shaffer, back (1st)
1935 Dick Buck, end (1st)
Don Jackson, back (1st)
1936 Andy Bershak, end (1st)
Jim Hutchins, back (1st)
1937 Andy Bershak, end (1st)
Hank Bartos, tackle (1st)
Elmer Wrenn, guard (1st)
Crowell Little, back (1st)
1938 Steve Maronic, tackle (1st)
George Stirnweiss, back (1st)
1939 Paul Severin, end (1st)
George Stirnweiss, back (1st)
1940 Paul Severin, end (1st)
Bill Faircloth, guard (1st)
Jim Lalanne , back (1st)
1943 Ray Poole, end (1st)
John Maskas, tackle (1st)
Hosea Rodgers, back (1st)
1946 Charlie Justice, back (1st)
1947 Art Weiner, end (1st)
Len Szafaryn, tackle (1st)
Charlie Justice, back (1st)
1948 Art Weiner, end (1st)
Len Szafaryn, tackle (1st)
Charlie Justice, back (1st)
Player of the Year – Charlie Justice
1949 Art Weiner, end (1st)
Irvin Holdash, center (1st)
Charlie Justice, back (1st)
Player of the Year – Charlie Justice
1950 Irvin Holdash, center (1st)
1951 Joe Dudeck, guard

NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

HEISMAN TROPHY

Presented to the most outstanding player in college football by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City

Charlie Justice 2nd, 1948
Charlie Justice 2nd, 1949
Don McCauley..... 9th, 1970
Mike Voight 8th, 1976
Julius Peppers..... 10th, 2001
Drake Maye 10th, 2022

MAXWELL AWARD

Presented to the nation's best player

Charlie Justice ..... Winner, 1948
Sam Howell..... Semifinalist, 2020
Javonte Williams ..... Semifinalist, 2020
Drake Maye ..... Semifinalist, 2022

DOAK WALKER AWARD

Presented to the nation's premier collegiate running back by the SMU Athletic Forum

Giovani Bernard..... Semifinalist, 2012
Javonte Williams ..... Semifinalist, 2020
Omarion Hampton..... Finalist, 2023-24

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD

Presented to the nation's top collegiate quarterback

Chris Keldorf ..... Semifinalist, 1996
Mitch Trubisky..... Semifinalist, 2016
Sam Howell..... Semifinalist, 2020
Drake Maye ..... Semifinalist, 2022

JOHNNY UNITAS AWARD

Presented to the nation's top collegiate quarterback

Mitch Trubisky..... Finalist, 2016
Drake Maye ..... Finalist, 2023

FRED BILETNIKOFF AWARD

Presented to the nation's outstanding FBS receiver

Dyami Brown..... Semifinalist, 2020
Josh Downs..... Semifinalist, 2021
Josh Downs..... Semifinalist, 2022

JOHN MACKEY AWARD

Presented to the nation's top collegiate tight end. Named after John Mackey, the first tight end inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame

Alge Crumpler ..... Finalist, 2000
Eric Ebron..... Finalist, 2013
Bryson Nesbit..... Semifinalist, 2023

OUTLAND TROPHY

Presented to the nation's top collegiate interior lineman by the Football Writers Association of America

Jonathan Cooper..... Finalist, 2012

LOMBARDI AWARD

First presented in 1970 to honor the outstanding college lineman of the year by the Rotary Club of Houston, Texas. The award is named after professional football coach Vince Lombardi

Greg Ellis ..... Finalist, 1997
Lawrence Taylor ..... Semifinalist, 1980
Julius Peppers..... Winner, 2001

RIMINGTON AWARD

Presented to the nation's top center

Jason Brown..... Finalist, 2004

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD

Presented to the nation's top collegiate defensive player by the Maxwell Memorial Football Club of Philadelphia. Named after consensus All-America Chuck Bednarik

Julius Peppers..... Winner, 2001

BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD

Presented to the nation's top collegiate defensive player by the Football Writers Association and the Charlotte, N.C., Touchdown Club

Dré Bly ..... Finalist, 1997
Julius Peppers..... Finalist, 2001

DICK BUTKUS AWARD

Presented to the nation's best collegiate linebacker by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando, Fla. The award is named after two-time All-America linebacker Dick Butkus

Brian Simmons..... Semifinalist, 1996
Brian Simmons..... Semifinalist, 1997
Kivuusama Mays..... Finalist, 1997
Quan Sturdivant..... Semifinalist, 2009
Bruce Carter..... Finalist, 2010
Chazz Surratt ..... Semifinalist, 2020

JIM THORPE AWARD

Presented to the nation's best collegiate defensive back by the Jim Thorpe Athletic Club of Oklahoma City

Dré Bly ..... Finalist, 1996
Dré Bly ..... Finalist, 1997
Trimane Goddard..... Semifinalist, 2008

LOU GROZA AWARD

Presented to the nation's top collegiate place-kicker by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission in conjunction with the Orange Bowl Committee. Named after All-Pro kicker Lou Groza

Jeff Reed..... Semifinalist, 2000
Connor Barth..... Semifinalist, 2007
Casey Barth..... Semifinalist, 2012
Nick Weiler..... Semifinalist, 2015

JULIUS PEPPERS *captured the Lombardi Award as the nation's top lineman in 2001.*

LOTT IMPACT AWARD

Presented to college football's defensive best in character and performance

Chazz Surratt ..... Finalist, 2020

PAUL HORNUNG AWARD

Presented to the nation's most versatile player

Michael Carter ..... Finalist, 2020

THE MANNING AWARD

Presented to the nation's top collegiate QB

Sam Howell..... Finalist, 2020
Drake Maye ..... Finalist, 2022
Drake Maye ..... Finalist, 2023

SULLIVAN AWARD

Presented annually to the most outstanding amateur athlete in the United States

Sam Howell..... Finalist, 2021

CHEVROLET NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Julius Peppers..... Winner, 2001

FOOTBALL NEWS NATIONAL OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Leon Johnson ..... Semifinalist, 1996

FOOTBALL NEWS NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Marcus Jones..... Finalist, 1995
Julius Peppers..... Finalist, 2001

NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION COLLEGE HALL OF FAME

Players	*At UNC*	*Inducted*
Charlie Justice	1946-49	1961
Art Weiner	1946-49	1992
Don McCauley	1968-70	2001
Dré Bly	1996-98	2014
William Fuller	1980-83	2016
Harris Barton	1983-86	2021
Julius Peppers	1999-2001	2024

Coaches	*At UNC*	*Inducted*
Carl Snavely	1934-1935, 1945-1952	1965
Jim Tatum	1942, 1956-58	1984
Mack Brown	1988-97, 2019-present	2018

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BOWL HISTORY

NORTH CAROLINA *played in its sixth-consecutive bowl game last season, appearing in the Fenway Bowl.*

Date	Bowl	Opponent	Result
Jan. 1, 1947	Sugar Bowl	Georgia	L, 10-20
Jan. 1, 1949	Sugar Bowl	Oklahoma	L, 6-14
Jan. 2, 1950	Cotton Bowl Classic	Rice	L, 13-27
Dec. 28, 1963	Gator Bowl	Air Force	W, 35-0
Dec. 30, 1970	Peach Bowl	Arizona State	L, 26-48
Dec. 31, 1971	Gator Bowl	Georgia	L, 3-7
Dec. 30, 1972	Sun Bowl	Texas Tech	W, 32-28
Dec. 28, 1974	Sun Bowl	Mississippi State	L, 24-26
Dec. 31, 1976	Peach Bowl	Kentucky	L, 0-21
Dec. 19, 1977	Liberty Bowl	Nebraska	L, 17-21
Dec. 28, 1979	Gator Bowl	Michigan	W, 17-15
Dec. 31, 1980	Bluebonnet Bowl	Texas	W, 16-7
Dec. 28, 1981	Gator Bowl	Arkansas	W, 31-27
Dec. 25, 1982	Sun Bowl	Texas	W, 26-10
Dec. 30, 1983	Peach Bowl	Florida State	L, 3-28
Dec. 27, 1986	Aloha Bowl	Arizona	L, 21-30
Jan. 2, 1993	Peach Bowl	Mississippi State	W, 21-17
Dec. 31, 1993	Gator Bowl	Alabama	L, 10-24
Dec. 30, 1994	Sun Bowl	Texas	L, 30-35
Dec. 30, 1995	CarQuest Bowl	Arkansas	W, 20-10
Jan. 1, 1997	Gator Bowl	West Virginia	W, 20-13
Jan. 1, 1998	Gator Bowl	Virginia Tech	W, 42-3
Dec. 19, 1998	Las Vegas Bowl	San Diego State	W, 20-13
Dec. 31, 2001	Peach Bowl	Auburn	W, 16-10
Dec. 30, 2004	Continental Tire Bowl	Boston College	L, 24-37
Dec. 27, 2008	Meineke Car Care Bowl	West Virginia	L, 30-31
Dec. 26, 2009	Meineke Car Care Bowl	Pittsburgh	L, 17-19
Dec. 30, 2010	Music City Bowl	Tennessee	W, 30-27 2OT
Dec. 26, 2011	Independence Bowl	Missouri	L, 24-41
Dec. 28, 2013	Belk Bowl	Cincinnati	W, 39-17
Dec. 26, 2014	Quick Lane Bowl	Rutgers	L, 21-40
Dec. 29, 2015	Russell Athletic Bowl	Baylor	L, 38-49
Dec. 30, 2016	Sun Bowl	Stanford	L, 23-25
Dec. 27, 2019	Military Bowl	Temple	W, 55-13
Jan. 2, 2021	Orange Bowl	Texas A&M	L, 27-41
Dec. 30, 2021	Duke's Mayo Bowl	South Carolina	L, 21-38
Dec. 28, 2022	Holiday Bowl	Oregon	L, 27-28
Dec. 27, 2023	Duke's Mayo Bowl	West Virginia	L, 10-30
Dec. 28, 2024	Fenway Bowl	UConn	L, 14-27

CAROLINA BOWL GAME RECORDS

TEAM

MOST POINTS: 55 vs. Temple (2019 Military)

FEWEST POINTS: 0 vs. Kentucky (1976 Peach)

MOST YARDS RUSHING: 283 vs. Arkansas (1981 Gator)

MOST YARDS PASSING: 318 vs. Virginia Tech (1998 Gator)

MOST TOTAL YARDS: 534 vs. Temple (2019 Military)

MOST POINTS ALLOWED: 49 by Baylor (2015 Russell Athletic)

FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED: 0 by Air Force (1963 Gator)

MOST RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED: 645 by Baylor (2015 Russell Athletic)

MOST PASSING YARDS ALLOWED: 328 by Michigan (1979 Gator)

MOST TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED: 756 by Baylor (2015 Russell Athletic)

INDIVIDUAL

RUSHING ATTEMPTS: 36 by Don McCauley vs. Arizona State (1970 Peach)

RUSHING YARDS: 195 by Leon Johnson vs. Arkansas (1995 Carquest)

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 3 by Don McCauley vs. Arizona State (1970 Peach)

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN: 63 yards by British Brooks vs. South Carolina (2021 Duke's Mayo Bowl)

PASS ATTEMPTS: 41 by Darian Durant vs. Boston College (2004 Continental Tire)

PASS COMPLETIONS: 26 by Sam Howell vs. Temple (2019 Military)

PASSING YARDAGE: 317 by Bryn Renner vs. Missouri (2011 Independence)

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS: 3 by Chris Keldorf vs. Virginia Tech (1998 Gator); by Darian Durant vs. Boston College (2004 Continental Tire); by Bryn Renner vs. Missouri (2011 Independence); by Marquise Williams vs. Baylor (2015 Russell Athletic; by Sam Howell vs. Temple (2019 Military) and vs. Texas A&M (2020 Orange); by Drake Maye vs. Oregon (2022 Holiday Bowl)

RECEPTIONS: 9 by Corey Holliday vs. Alabama (1993 Gator); by Octavus Barnes vs. Texas (1994 Sun); by Ryan Taylor vs. Tennessee (2010 Music City)

RECEIVING YARDAGE: *217 by Hakeem Nicks vs. West Virginia (2008 Meineke); 165 by Octavus Barnes vs. Texas (1994 Sun)

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS: *3 by Hakeem Nicks vs. West Virginia (2008 Meineke); 2 by Ted Leverenz vs. Texas Tech (1972 Sun), 2 by Octavus Barnes vs. Virginia Tech (1998 Gator); 2 by Dazz Newsome vs. Temple (2019 Military); 2 by Josh Downs vs. Texas A&M (2020 Orange)

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION: 87 yards by L.C. Stevens from Mike Thomas vs. Arkansas (1995 Carquest)

LONGEST FIELD GOAL: 53 yards by Rob Rogers vs. Texas (1982 Sun)

**Participation later vacated due to NCAA penalty*

CAROLINA BOWL GAME RECORDS BY COACH

Carl Torbush	2-0 (1.000)	Butch Davis	1-2 (.333)
Jim Hickey	1-0 (1.000)	Larry Fedora	1-3 (.250)
Dick Crum	4-2 (.667)	Bill Dooley	1-5 (.167)
John Bunting	1-1 (.500)	Everett Withers	0-1 (.000)
Mack Brown	4-6 (.400)	Carl Snavely	0-3 (.000)

CAROLINA RECORDS BY BOWL

Belk Bowl	1-0 (1.000)	Cotton Bowl Classic	0-1 (.000)
Bluebonnet Bowl	1-0 (1.000)	Fenway Bowl	0-1 (.000)
CarQuest Bowl	1-0 (1.000)	Holiday Bowl	0-1 (.000)
Las Vegas Bowl	1-0 (1.000)	Independence Bowl	0-1 (.000)
Military Bowl	1-0 (1.000)	Liberty Bowl	0-1 (.000)
Music City Bowl	1-0 (1.000)	Orange Bowl	0-1 (.000)
Gator Bowl	5-2 (.714)	Quick Lane Bowl	0-1 (.000)
Peach Bowl	2-3 (.400)	Russell Athletic Bowl	0-1 (.000)
Sun Bowl	2-3 (.400)	Duke's Mayo Bowl	0-2 (.000)
Aloha Bowl	0-1 (.000)	Meineke Car Care Bowl	0-2 (.000)
Continental Tire Bowl	0-1 (.000)	Sugar Bowl	0-2 (.000)

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SPIRIT & TRADITIONS

RAM MASCOT

Since Carolina's nickname is Tar Heels, it might seem strange to have a ram as a mascot. It is. But, there is a good explanation. It's offered by Vic Huggins, Carolina's head cheerleader back in 1924.

"In 1924 school spirit was at a peak," Huggins once explained. "But something seemed to be missing. One day it hit me. Georgia had a bulldog for a mascot and State a wolf. What Carolina needed was a symbol."

Two years earlier the Tar Heels had posted a brilliant 9-1 record. The star of that 1922 team was a bruising fullback named Jack Merritt. Merritt was nicknamed "the battering ram" for the way he plunged into lines. It seemed natural to Huggins to link a mascot with Merritt's nickname.

"Charlie Woollen, the athletic business manager at that time, agreed with the idea and gave us $25 to purchase a fitting mascot," said Huggins.

Rameses the First was shipped in from Texas, arriving just in time to be introduced at a pep rally before the VMI game. Complete with a monogram blanket on his back, Rameses helped make the pep rally one of the school's greatest.

Then the ram was taken to Emerson Field where Carolina was an underdog to a strong VMI team. But, for three quarters the Tar Heels battled the visitors to a scoreless tie.

Late in the fourth period Carolina's Bunn Hackney was called upon to attempt a field goal. Before taking the field he stopped to rub Rameses' head for good luck. Seconds later Hackney's 30-yard dropkick sailed between the goalposts, giving the Tar Heels a 3-0 victory and a legendary mascot.

SCHOOL COLORS

The adoption of light blue and white as UNC's colors dates back to the 19th Century. When the University reopened following the Civil War, most social activities were directed by two literary societies, the Dialectic and Philanthropic. The official color of the Di was light blue and that of the Phi white.

On public occasions the student officers, marshals and ball managers were chosen equally from the membership of the two societies. It had long been the custom of each society for its members to wear its color on such occasions. However, the chief marshal and chief ball manager, one from the Di and the other from the Phi, wore combination light blue and white regalias and rosettes signifying that they represented the whole student body.

So it seemed only natural for the fans to adorn themselves with the same combination as that used by the chief marshals and ball managers, colors which represented not membership in a society, but a University student body.

CAROLINA FIGHT SONGS

HERE COMES CAROLINA

Here comes Carolina
Here comes Carolina-lina
Here comes Carolina-lina
We hail from NCU.
We've got the spirit in it
We've got the team to win it
We wear the colors White and Blue -
So it's Fight! Fight! for Carolina
As Davie did in days of old.
As we gather 'round the 'Well Cheer
that Tar Heel team like hell - For the glory of NCU.

ALMA MATER

Hark the sound of Tar Heel voices Ringing clear and true,
Singing Carolina's praises, Shouting "NCU."
(Chorus)
Hail to the brightest star of all!
Clear its radiance shine
Carolina, priceless gem,
Receive all praises thine.
(Refrain)
For I'm a Tar Heel born
I'm a Tar Heel bred,
And when I did I'm a Tar Heel dead.
So it's - Rah, Rah, Carolina-lina
Rah, Rah, Carolina!
Rah! Rah! Rah!

CAROLINA VICTORY MARCH

There'll be a Carolina victory,
When cross that field the foe has fled.
Cheer that team to victory,
For we are Tar Heels born and bred. Rah! Rah! Rah!
Glory, glory, UNC.
Our hearts will live with thee
Fight! Fight! Fight!
For the Blue & White are rolling to victory.

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MARCHING TAR HEELS

The UNC Band was formed in the fall of 1903 and performed for the first time at a 1904 baseball game.

In the early 1930s the band began performing at home football games and other University events. As they continue their second century of existence, the UNC Bands represent the Department of Music, the Athletic Department and the University at events on campus and around the country.

Currently, over 450 students representing nearly every major on campus participate in the UNC Bands.

The UNC Bands consist of the Marching Tar Heels, two Basketball Pep Bands, five Olympic Sport Pep Bands and a Field Hockey Pep Band, the Wind Ensemble, the Symphony Band and the University Band. The UNC Bands perform over 150 times each year at athletic events involving the football, basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, volleyball and wrestling teams.

The UNC Bands also present concerts on campus throughout the year and perform for a variety of events sponsored by the General Alumni Association, the Educational Foundation and the University.

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Carolina's innovative teaching, campus-wide spirit of inquiry and dedication to public service continue a legacy that began when the University first opened its doors to students in 1789.

In Chapel Hill, students develop a voice for critical thought and the courage to guide change. They connect to the future they are already shaping and prepare with one another to solve the grand challenges of our time.

Carolina is passionately public and committed to ensuring that every student who earns admission can come to our campus and thrive, and to making an affordable, high-quality education accessible to North Carolina families.

Our world-class research, over a billion-dollar enterprise, has quadrupled over the past two decades, firmly establishing Carolina as one of America's top-ranked research institutions. That success spurs opportunity and innovation that grows North Carolina's economy, creates jobs and supports Tar Heel businesses.

Our students, faculty and staff are on the cusp of exciting breakthroughs in cancer, environmental challenges, chronic diseases, and data and computer science.

Through Carolina Across 100, a five-year initiative, we partner with communities in all 100 counties to address critical challenges facing North Carolinians, including youth unemployment and suicide prevention.

That progress comes as we aspire to follow Carolina Next: Innovations for Public Good, a strategic plan developed to guide our journey to become the leading global public research university.

In its third century — an era of groundbreaking study and discovery — UNC-Chapel Hill is harnessing the very best of our fast-changing world. We're proud to advance knowledge for this and each generation to come.

AMERICA'S BEST VALUE IN PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION

Carolina ranks among the top universities in the nation and around the world. In 2023, U.S. News & World Report listed Carolina fifth among public universities for the 22nd consecutive year, as well as the best value among public universities for the 18th time.

The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education 2022 College Rankings named UNC-Chapel Hill the No. 1 public school in the South, third among all U.S. public universities and 33rd among both public and private universities.

The 2022 Academic Ranking of World Universities, released by the Shanghai Ranking Consultancy, ranked Carolina 29th in the world, 20th in the United States among global universities, and seventh amongst public U.S. universities.

Numerous graduate programs also are highly ranked — 21 were in the top 10 nationally — by U.S. News & World Report for the 2024 edition of "Best Graduate Schools." For the sixth consecutive time, the Gillings School of Global Public Health ranked second out of all U.S. schools and public health programs while remaining the top public school of public health.

OUR COMMITMENT TO ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

UNC-Chapel Hill is among the nation's few public flagship campuses to practice need-blind admissions and makes the promise of a Carolina education possible for academically qualified students regardless of their financial means.

The Carolina Covenant, a ground-breaking program, supports the full financial need of talented low-income students so they may graduate debt-free. The program has brought over 10,500 scholars to Chapel Hill and led to dramatically improved graduation rates among our lowest-income students. Recent enhancements include a support network to help Covenant Scholars increase career readiness and admission to advanced degree programs.

The Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program (C-STEP) partners with 14 North Carolina community colleges — most in rural counties — to identify talented low-and moderate-income community college students and to provide a pathway for admission to UNC-Chapel Hill.

The Carolina College Advising Corps places recent UNC-Chapel Hill graduates as admissions and financial-aid advisers in underserved high schools across North Carolina to reinforce the advantages of a college education and guide prospective students through the admissions process, regardless of whether they apply to Carolina.

POWERFUL RESEARCH IMPACT BENEFITS NORTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND

Our campus conducts over $1 billion of sponsored research, ranking as the 13th largest U.S. research university in volume and annual expenditures and 10th for total federal funding. With a record-breaking $1.2 billion in awards in fiscal 2022, our researchers continue to drive research projects and experiments for external sponsors including federal agencies, industry partners and nonprofits.

Our world-class research expertise — spanning a broad range of health, behavioral, social and environmental sciences — drives innovations and breakthroughs in many fields, from gene therapies and the search to cure cancer to population studies and coastal resilience.

During the global pandemic, Carolina emerged as a global leader in COVID-19 research, leading to milestones including a $65 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to create the Antiviral Drug Discovery Center, one of nine established by the NIH. The center will develop oral antivirals that can combat pandemic-level viruses.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has awarded up to $50 million over five years to UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University to create the Research Triangle Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation. Collaborators will include N.C. State and N.C. Central universities. The center, one of five, will work with FDA scientists to conduct research and share knowledge that will help better inform regulatory decisions and improve public health.

UNC-Chapel Hill research creates jobs for more than 10,400 North Carolinians in projects that span all 100 counties. Since most research funding comes from out of state, that support represents new revenue for North Carolina's gross state product; spending on research benefits over 3,500 Tar Heel businesses.

OTHER NOTABLE FACTS

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

A member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, Carolina was the first and only public university in the United States to award degrees in the 18th century.

We offer 78 bachelor's, 113 master's, 66 doctorate and seven professional degree programs through 15 schools, including the College of Arts & Sciences and the new School of Data Science and Society, to prepare students for successful careers in a rapidly changing workforce.

More than 361,000 alumni live in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and 149 countries. Over 190,000 of those graduates are North Carolinians.

Three Tar Heels were selected for prestigious Rhodes Scholarships for study at Oxford University in 2021 — a first in Carolina history. We've produced 54 Rhodes Scholars since the program began in 1902.

Over 150 faculty have been members of the national academies and distinguished learning societies. Two professors became Nobel laureates – Dr. Aziz Sancar, co-recipient of the 2015 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and the late Dr. Oliver Smithies, co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

Carolina Across 100, a five-year initiative, aims to form meaningful partnerships in all 100 counties to respond to statewide challenges stemming from or exacerbated by COVID-19. "Our State, Our Work" connects unemployed and underemployed young adults with better jobs in response to disruptions in the U.S. labor market. A new "Our State, Our Wellbeing" program will collaborate with local communities to identify and implement strategies to prevent suicide and improve resources available for mental and behavioral health.

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LEE H. ROBERTS

Lee H. Roberts is the 13th chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, appointed on August 9, 2024, having served as interim chancellor since January 2024.

As Chancellor, Roberts is the chief executive of the first public university in the United States, overseeing a $4.5 billion budget, approximately 30,000 students including over 900 student-athletes across 28 intercollegiate sports programs, 4,000 faculty, and 10,000 staff including more than 100 coaches and trainers at UNC-Chapel Hill, a global R1 research university and member of the American Association of Universities, generating $1.55 billion in annual research funding.

Chancellor Roberts has placed priorities on initiatives that will help graduating Tar Heels find success and support researchers, faculty, and staff in the areas of generative AI, applied sciences, enrollment planning, and campus master planning, to name just a few. Athletically he is helping to lead the Tar Heels' transformation to a modern college sports model that includes direct revenue sharing, the evolution of NIL deals, and roster restructuring.

A longtime advocate for higher education and public service, Roberts served as North Carolina's state budget director under Governor Pat McCrory (2014–2016), leading efforts such as the $2 billion Connect NC bond for campus infrastructure. He has been a member of the UNC System Board of Governors (chairing its budget committee), the State Board of Community Colleges, the North Carolina Banking Commission, and the Golden LEAF Foundation, which supports educational and economic opportunities in rural North Carolina. For five years, he taught public budgeting at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy and served on its Board of Visitors.

Before becoming interim chancellor, Roberts was the co-founder and managing partner of SharpVue Capital, a North Carolina private investment firm that specializes in stewarding institutional funds and growing local economies.

Roberts is committed to advancing UNC-Chapel Hill's mission, emphasizing its role as a cornerstone of North Carolina's future, and actively engages with students and faculty, drawing on his public service background and deep respect for the University's traditions.

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BUBBA CUNNINGHAM

Since Lawrence R. (Bubba) Cunningham officially began his duties as Carolina's director of athletics on November 14, 2011, UNC has graduated more than 2,000 student-athletes while consistently competing for championships in an array of different sports – exciting, motivating and influencing along the way. Under Cunningham's leadership, the athletic department has accomplished numerous academic and athletic achievements:

- The Tar Heels have won 24 national titles.
- More than 6,000 student-athletes have made the ACC Academic Honor Roll — which requires a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for the year.
- Student-athletes have recorded a GPA of 3.0 or higher for 12 straight semesters.
- More than 50 student-athletes have been named to Phi Beta Kappa honor society.
- Sixteen student-athletes have been NCAA Elite 90 recipients.
- Fifteen Tar Heel teams scored a perfect 1000 in the NCAA's APR for 2023-24. Four teams registered perfect 1000s for the four-year rate, 25 of Carolina's 28 teams achieved single-year rates of 970 or higher and 23 recorded multi-year rates of 980 or better.
- The Tar Heels finished in the top 10 of the NACDA Learfield Directors' Cup 10 times, including a top five finish in 2024-25.
- And student-athletes have logged more than 65,000 hours of community service, helping at hospitals and local schools, and partnering with a variety of local and national groups.

Cunningham has led by supporting, challenging and innovating. Shortly after beginning his tenure as Carolina's athletics director, he led a strategic planning process that defined the department's mission statement: "We educate and inspire through athletics."

And that's just what UNC has done during his 14 years in Chapel Hill.

Among Carolina's many achievements during his tenure are a student-athlete degree completion program called Complete Carolina; a master plan for UNC's athletic facilities; the creation of the RAMMYs, a celebratory end-of-the-year awards show popular with Carolina's student-athletes and staff; a commitment to youth sports with the National Fitness Foundation; a partnership with The Brandr Group to create a first-of-its-kind group licensing agreement for Tar Heel alumni; commemorating 50 Years of Carolina Women's Athletics with a year-long celebration; and the launch of a Name, Image and Likeness initiative and website to help Tar Heel student-athletes, coaches, recruits donors and fans navigate the changing landscape of college athletics.

He also has been committed to upgrading facilities to give student-athletes the best experience possible, overseeing more than $225 million worth of projects during his tenure in Chapel Hill. In 2018-19, Carolina finished construction on a new field hockey stadium, track and field complex and a new football practice facility and lacrosse/soccer stadium, as well as a new media and communications center. In 2021, Carolina opened the updated Eddie Smith Field House, and in 2022-23 it installed new video boards at Carmichael Arena and added state-of-the-art LED lighting to Carmichael, Kenan Stadium and the Smith Center. Carolina also completed updates to the women's basketball locker room and opened the state-of-the-art Chewning Tennis Center in 2022-23, and opened a redesigned Finley Golf Club in 2023-24. In July 2024 it also opened a new Women's Basketball Practice Gym.

In 2023, the department launched "Together We Win," an updated strategic plan and vision for Carolina Athletics — the third strategic plan of Cunningham's tenure at Carolina.

Cunningham's leadership has also extended outside of Chapel Hill as he has served on numerous NCAA committees over the last two decades. He is the past president of NACDA and previously sat on the board of LEAD1, an association representing the ADs from the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) schools. In 2019, he worked with the Atlantic Coast Conference to lead the launch of the ACC Network that fall, and he earned the 2019-20 AD of the Year Award from The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). In 2020, he was named to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee and in 2022 was named to the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Board of Directors. He served as Chair of the NCAA Men's Basketball Selection Committee in 2024. He also is currently serving on the ACC Autonomy Committee and the Division I Decision Making Working Group/Transition Committee.

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DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

He has Carolina positioned to have a voice in the ongoing conversation about the future, whether it is in the state university system, the Atlantic Coast Conference or at the NCAA level.

Cunningham is in his 23rd year as a Division I director of athletics. He came to Chapel Hill after spending the previous six years as the AD at the University of Tulsa, where he guided the Golden Hurricane through its initial move to Conference USA and spearheaded a $60 million athletics initiative.

Tulsa won 34 league championships during his tenure, more than any other school in Conference USA, and the football program played in five bowl games in his final six years. He was the NACDA 2008-09 FBS Central Region Athletics Director of the Year.

He also served as Ball State University's athletic director from 2002-05. There, he led a program with 19 intercollegiate sports and a budget of $12.4 million. In his final year, Ball State completed a $12 million campaign to renovate the football stadium. In raising those funds, Cunningham secured the largest single gift in Ball State athletics history.

Cunningham, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Notre Dame in 1984 and 1988, respectively, worked in his alma mater's athletics department from 1988-2002. A former member of the Irish golf team (1982-83), Cunningham served as Notre Dame's associate athletics director for finance and facilities from 1995-2000 and was the associate director of athletics for external affairs from 2000-02.

He also has served on the Gatorade National Advisory Board and has been a featured speaker at numerous NACDA and LEAD1 conferences.

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The University of North Carolina Athletic Compliance Office is dedicated to providing our student-athletes, coaches, administrators, alumni, fans and donors with the information necessary to help navigate all NCAA, ACC rules and University policies. Alumni, donors and fans are subject to specific rules that can be difficult to navigate and often change from year to year. For this reason, we encourage all Tar Heels to review these guidelines:

5 ESSENTIALS TO BEING A RESPONSIBLE TAR HEEL:

1. **Employment of Student-Athletes:** Donors, fans and alumni may employ any number of student-athletes in their business, and we encourage all alumni, fans and donors to contact our Office of student-Athlete Development prior to offering student-athletes positions within their company. As a reminder, all employers must follow the below rules regarding Student-athlete employment:
   a. Student-athlete must complete an employment form issued by the Athletic Compliance Office.
   b. Student-athletes are paid for only work actually performed.
   c. Student-athletes are compensated at a going rate for type of work performed.
   d. Student-athletes may only receive benefits provided to similarly situated employees.
2. **Name, Image, & Likeness (NIL):** Student-athletes may sign autographs, make public appearances, or endorse products for compensation (quid-pro-quo agreements). Additionally, a business or commercial entity may use the Name, Image, or Likeness of a student-athlete on social media or to promote their company and compensate an athlete for their endorsement. NOTE: Student-athletes and third-parties are NOT permitted to use UNC trademarks or logos without the prior authorization from University Licensing. Lastly, we ask that fans be respectful of the student-athletes time and privacy when asking for autographs or pictures before and after practice or competition.
3. **Extra Benefits:** Student-athletes may not receive extra benefits from anyone that is not their parent/guardian. This means that local businesses, alumni, and fans cannot provide any benefits, no matter how small, to a student-athlete at any time (e.g. Cash, tickets, loans, discounts, etc.). Family members of current student-athletes are also not permitted to receive any extra benefits or preferential treatment. If you have any questions, about what constitutes an extra benefit, please do not hesitate to contact us. And remember, the best way to help a student-athlete is by contacting the Rams Club about Scholarship Endowment opportunities.
4. **Recruits:** Donors, Alumni, and fans may not have recruiting contact with any potential recruit (9th – 12th grade most sports, 7th-12th for MBB, SFB, & VB) or their parent/legal guardian for the purpose of encouraging them to attend North Carolina. This includes any in-person contact, or contact made via social media, text messaging, or by phone. Additionally, no benefits may be offered to a recruit or their parents by a UNC coach, alum, donor, fan or staff member.
5. **Occasional Meals:** The NCAA permits donors to provide a meal to our student-athletes on an occasional basis. This meal must take place on campus or at the donor's home, and may be catered. All such requests must first be approved by the Athletic Compliance Office and must only involve current student-athletes. Reasonable local transportation may be provided when the meal is in the donor's home.

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